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LEADING CITIZENS

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CHENANGO COUNTY, N. Y.

“Biography is the only true history.”—Emerson.

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PREFACE

HAVING brought to a successful termination our labors in Chenango County in compiling and editing the sketches herein contained, we desire, in presenting this Book of Biographies to our patrons, to make a few remarks, necessarily brief, in regard to the value and importance of local works of this nature. We agree with Ralph Waldo Emerson that "Biography is the only true History," and also are of the opinion that a collection of the biographies of the leading men of a nation would give a more interesting, as well as authentic, history of their country than any other that could be written. The value of such a production as this cannot be too highly estimated. With each succeeding year the haze of Obscurity removes more and more from our view the fast disappearing landmarks of the past, Oblivion sprinkles her dust of forgetfulness on men and their deeds, effectually concealing them from the public eye, and because of the many living objects which claim our attention, few of those who have been removed from the busy world linger long in our memory. Even the glorious achievements of the present age may not insure it from being lost in the glare of greater things to come, and so it is manifestly a duty to posterity for the men of the present time to preserve a record of their lives and a story of their progress from low and humble beginnings to great and noble deeds, in order that future generations may read the account of their successful struggles, and profit by their example. A local history affords the best means of preserving ancestral history, and it also becomes, immediately upon its publication, a ready book of reference for those who have occasion to seek biographical data of the leading and early settled families. Names, dates and events are not easily remembered by the average man, so it behooves the generations now living, who wish to live in the memory of their descendants, to write their own records, making them full and broad in scope, and minute in detail, and insure their preservation by having them put in printed form. We firmly believe that in these collated personal memoirs will be found as true and as faithful a record of Chenango County as may be obtained anywhere, for the very sufficient reason that its growth and development are identified with that of

the men who have made her what she is to-day—the representative, leading men, whose personal sketches it has been a pleasure to us to write and give a place in this volume. From the time when the hand of civilized man had not yet violated the virgin soil with desecrating plough, nor with the ever-ready frontiersman's ax felled the noble, almost limitless, forests, to the present period of activity in all branches of industry, we may read in the histories of the county's leading men, and of their ancestors, the steady growth and development which has been going on here for a century and a half, and bids fair to continue for centuries to come. A hundred years from now, whatever records of the present time are then extant, having withstood the ravages of time and the ceaseless war of the elements, will be viewed with an absorbing interest, equalling, if not surpassing, that which is taken to-day in the history of the early settlements of America.

It has been our purpose in the preparation of this work to pass over no phase or portion of it slightly, but to give attention to the smallest points, and thus invest it with an air of accuracy, to be obtained in no other way. The result has amply justified the care that has been taken, for it is our honest belief that no more reliable production, under the circumstances, could have been compiled.

One feature of this work, to which we have given special prominence, and which we are sure will prove of extraordinary interest, is the collection of portraits of the representative and leading citizens, which appear throughout the volume. We have tried to represent the different spheres of industrial and professional activity as well as we might. To those who have been so uniformly obliging and have kindly interested themselves in the success of this work, volunteering information and data, which have been very helpful to us in preparing this Book of Biographies of Chenango County, we desire to express our grateful and profound acknowledgment of their valued services.

BUFFALO, N. Y., June, 1898.

THE PUBLISHERS

————— N O T E —————

ALL the biographical sketches published in this volume were submitted to their respective subjects, or to the subscribers, from whom the facts were primarily obtained, for their approval or correction before going to press; and a reasonable time was allowed in each case for the return of the type-written copies. Most of them were returned to us within the time allotted, or before the work was printed, after being corrected or revised; and these may therefore be regarded as reasonably accurate.

A few, however, were not returned to us; and, as we have no means of knowing whether they contain errors or not, we cannot vouch for their accuracy. In justice to our readers, and to render this work more valuable for reference purposes, we have indicated these uncorrected sketches by a small asterisk (*), placed immediately after the name of the subject. They will all be found on the last pages of the book.

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DAVID MAYDOLE.

Book of Biographies

CHENANGO COUNTY

DAVID MAYDOLE. The village of Norwich has cause indeed to remember with esteem, veneration and gratitude the gentleman named above, who over half a century ago, as a simple worker at the forge, laid the solid foundations of the great hammer industry, that more than any other agency has brought prosperity, wealth and fame to Norwich. Seldom has it fallen to our lot to compile a life record that compared in uniqueness and in the practical lessons taught with that of David Maydole, whose name will ever be associated with the best and most finished types of that most useful industrial tool, the hammer. His was a busy life, and whatever the success that he achieved, and whatever words of praise have been uttered in his behalf, all that came to him was richly deserved. Labor he did incessantly; even when fortune had beamed on him and made him a rich man, he was still to be found in the factory with his employees, directing their efforts, and seeking by experiment to improve his products. Such labor as his was surely ennobling, for he put his soul into what he did,

always with the ever present idea of doing the best he could. He was never satisfied with *good* work until he was thoroughly convinced that it was the *best*. His careful attention to the smallest details, and his careful search for improvements that could be made, met with results that could hardly have been looked for by Mr. Maydole in the commencement of his career, for the hammers with the inscription "D. Maydole" are *par excellence* standard of the world, and may be found in the markets of every civilized country.

Mr. Maydole was born January 27, 1807, in the town of Seward, Schoharie County, N. Y., near "Neeley's Hollow," better known by the people of the present day as "Seward's Valley." In him were united by right of descent the enterprising and persevering traits of the Scotch-Irish, and the solid, patient characteristics of the Hollander. His paternal grandfather was of Scotch origin, while his mother traced her ancestry to the "land of dykes and ditches." They both took up their residence in the English colonies of America prior to the Revolution, and the close of the century found both

families domiciled in Albany, N. Y. Alexander Maydole, the father of the subject of this writing, was one of several children whose names are still represented in those of descendants, who live chiefly in New York State. Alexander Maydole was born at East Albany, Rensselaer County, and served an apprenticeship as a shoemaker. His trade having been acquired, he journeyed into Schoharie County, where he labored at his bench with awl and last for several years. His location was in the town of Sharon, on the old Cherry Valley turnpike; there he settled down to a happy domestic life with his wife, Anna Van Valkenburgh, who was a member of an old and well known family in that part of the state. Nine children out of the twelve born to this worthy couple grew to maturity and were present at their father's funeral, in 1818.

Our subject's boyhood life was such as to bring out all his capabilities and to school him for a life of great usefulness. He was the sixth child in the family of twelve, and from the age when he was first able to help in the least in the work of the household his time was fully taken up, chiefly with work, for the size of the family rendered it necessary that every member contribute his part to the support of the whole family. Even many of the benefits of a school education were denied him, thus forcing him to rely mainly on his own efforts for a rise in life and for a fit preparation to cope with problems that were sure to come to him. Thus at an early age habits of prudence and industry were formed in him, and valuable lessons, whose wholesome effects have been seen in a

life of great prosperity, made a deep impression on him. His school education was begun at a school in the town of Sharon, Schoharie County, and was concluded by that afforded during several winters in Cortland County, where the family had moved in 1816, settling on a small tract of land in Texas Valley, in what is now the town of Marathon. Mr. Maydole's mother was a woman of excellent judgment and stability of character, as was shown in the impress she made upon the minds of the children, the care of whom devolved upon her in 1818, at the death of her husband. Under her guiding hand and in the light of her own exemplary bearing, her large family of boys and girls grew up to be respected and industrious members of the different and widely separated communities in which they lived in after years. From the time of his father's death, David Maydole, who was then but eleven years of age, experienced little but hard work, with little or no schooling or leisure. Until 1822 he was employed by different farmers in the summer, being able in the winters to attend school. In January, 1822, having passed his fifteenth birthday, he took the step which initiated him as an apprentice member of one of the oldest and most honorable trades followed by man. He became apprenticed to the late James Glover of Oxford, who was a well known blacksmith and most respected citizen of that village, the indenture papers being drawn by the late Governor Tracy, at whose instance David also chose Mr. Glover as his guardian.

Having attained his majority and finished his apprenticeship, he went to Eaton, in 1828,

and entered into partnership with his brother Jacob, who had finished his apprenticeship at the blacksmith's trade a year or two previous. The two brothers worked in company until the fall of 1830, when David sold his interest to his brother and made an engagement with Gardiner & Abbott to work at his trade for them for one year. In 1831 he went into partnership with David Abbott at Lebanon, in the edge tool business, which arrangement satisfactorily continued for two years. Mr. Maydole then returned to Eaton and bought out a chair factory, attached to which was a water power, which was utilized when he transformed the plant into a blacksmith establishment, and entered upon a business in edge tools and carriage springs, besides attending to general blacksmithing work. The custom he received was large in quantity, and quite flattering was the success that attended his efforts, the magnitude of the work requiring four fires. In 1837 he prepared to enlarge his business, and for that purpose he built an addition to his buildings, designing to begin the manufacture of lumber wagons for the Chicago markets; however, misfortune, in the form of fire, overtook him, his building, stock and machinery being destroyed. But nothing daunted Mr. Maydole; in the same year (1838), in company with a younger brother, James, who was also a blacksmith, he bought the Gardiner & Abbott scythe factory, connected with which was a water power and sixty acres of land. The remainder of the year was spent in working the farm and in preparing for business, but nothing more

was done, for the title to the property proved to be defective, and the brothers refused to accept it. At this juncture Mr. Maydole was induced to consider the subject of leaving Eaton for another location, and the result was he became a resident of Norwich in 1840, and formed a partnership with Levi Ray, since deceased, in the old stone blacksmith shop, which still stands on East Main Street. His special part in the business was the manufacture of edge tools and carriage springs, in which branches he had become an acknowledged expert, the character of his work having given him a wide reputation throughout this section.

It was soon after locating in Norwich that the events occurred that led up to the founding of the present mammoth hammer business. At that time there was no recognized hammer industry; blacksmiths made their own hammers, and similar tools for other artisans as well. Mr. Maydole's hammers did not suit him; oftentimes the heads would fly off, then if the iron was soft, the head would spread and wear away, while if the metal was a trifle too hard it would split. But the chief trouble was the head coming loose from the handle; there were a number of expedients to obviate this, one kind had an iron rod running through the handle, with nuts at either end, another was made of metal throughout, handle and head being of iron, but all were clumsy and awkward. In regard to the mixing and tempering of the metal, Mr. Maydole only reached a point where he could feel satisfied by many years of experiment, carried on at odd moments. He finally came very near to his desires in

the metal and at the same time hit upon an improvement which led to his being able to put a hammer upon a handle in such a way that it would stay there, the head being attached to the handle after the manner of an adz; the improvement consisted in merely making a longer hole for the handle to go into, thus giving a much firmer hold of the head. He made a number of other changes, all for his own convenience, however, for he did not dream as yet of going into the manufacture of hammers. He would have hardly benefited from the improvements he had originated, at least not so soon as he did, for very few hammers were ever required in the little village, had not a party of six carpenters come to Norwich to work upon a new church. It so happened that one of these men had left his hammer at home, and the necessity was so great that he repaired to the village smithy, which David Maydole was then conducting, to have one made, there being none at the village store. "Make me a good one," said the carpenter, "as good a one as you know how." David had in his experiments arrived at some notion of what a hammer ought to be, and knew that he was able to produce a very superior article, but he was not sure that the workman wanted the best, so he asked him about his willingness to pay a good price, remarking, "But perhaps you don't want to pay for as good a hammer as I can make." To this the carpenter rejoined, "Yes, I do; I want a good hammer." So the tool was made, the best one probably that was ever made in the history of iron-working, for it contained several important improvements, original with Mr.

Maydole. To say that the customer was satisfied would be a mild expression for his feelings; he took the greatest delight in the hammer, showed it to his friends and fellow-workmen, and could not say enough in praise of the young blacksmith and his work. The result was that on the following day the man's five companions went to the shop, and each ordered one, and when they were done the contractor came to the shop, and ordered two more, intimating that the blacksmith ought to make *his* hammers a little better than those he had made for his men. "I can't make any better ones," said honest David. "When I make a thing, I make it as well as I can, no matter who it's for." Soon after the store-keeper of the village gave him what seemed the magnificent order for two dozen, which in due time were placed on the merchant's shelves. There the hammers chanced to catch the eye of a New York tool merchant, who at once recognized their superior merits, and when he left Norwich, it was after giving David Maydole a standing order for as many hammers of that kind as he could make. This was the beginning of prosperity for David Maydole, for orders increased, and gave him an opportunity of enlarging his works, and of employing more men, thus in the end building up the great industry of which Norwich is justly proud.

About this time, in the summer of 1845, Mr. Maydole leased one-half of the building that stood on the site now occupied by the Maydole Hammer Factory, and engaged in the manufacture of edge tools on his own account and in his own name. In this building he began the manufacture of the adz-eye

and other hammers in quantities. In the spring of 1847, the partnership that had existed in the blacksmithing business with Mr. Ray was dissolved, and from that time on our subject's attention was devoted to the hammer business. In 1848 a fire burned the building and stock, causing Mr. Maydole a loss of \$1,500.00, above his insurance, which was for the same amount. This second scorching he did not allow to interfere much with his work, for he at once set about the work of repairing damages, recovering lost ground, and firmly establishing himself once more. He purchased the entire property of the owners, and erected a factory, which is the eastern portion of the present main building, but it was then only two stories in height. The works have since been several times enlarged, an extension upon the ground and a third story over the whole having been put on in 1856.

During the first twenty years, Mr. Maydole was constantly experimenting with a view to perfecting the hammer. The proper combination of ores was at last decided, and the requisite amount of tempering found by experiment. The curve of the handle, the curve of each part of the head, and every little point about the tool was carefully considered, thought over, tried, until at last Mr. Maydole could say with pride, "I make the best hammer in the United States." The handle is made of selected hickory, seasoned for a term of three years, so as to prevent any appreciable shrinkage, when the head is put on. Mr. Maydole never tried to compete with others in price; he made the best tool he could, set a fair price on it, and let it

sell on its own merits. He never advertised his hammers, never pushed the enterprise, and never borrowed money. He was content to secure a steady growth, that had its foundation on real merit.

In 1857 the hammer business suffered with other manufacturing enterprises, but while Mr. Maydole's business felt, it did not long nor materially suffer from the effects of the panic. As early as 1860 he was working from 75 to 80 hands, and was forced to put in a 50 horse-power engine to supplement the water-power obtained from the canal. From then to the present time, the business has gone on increasing, and except for the period of depression that followed the panic of 1873, there has been no time when the establishment has been able to keep up with its orders, despite the constant enlargement of facilities. In 1873 there were 115 men employed. The forging had all been done by hand up to 1876, each hammer being heated slowly and carefully over a charcoal fire, and then fashioned by experienced workmen. In that year machinery was first introduced, and has been added to from that time to this. At the present time the adz-eye hammer is made in three heats, while the ordinary blacksmith and riveting hammers are forged at one heat. The capacity of the establishment has in this way been increased very largely, at the same time greater perfection being obtained than by hand forging. Mr. Maydole invented the now common adz-eye hammer, and it was always a matter of regret to him that he never had it patented; on the introduction of forging machinery, he invented and patented several important im-

provements, the one for drawing up the adze being especially ingenious and perfect, excelling all other known contrivances designed for the same kind of work.

Mr. Maydole was often interviewed and visited by great men, who had been attracted by his original character and excellent traits. In 1878 James A. Garfield, afterwards president of the United States, visited Norwich and was shown around the works by Mr. Maydole. A year later, Gen. Garfield made an address before the Consolidated Business College at Washington on the "Elements of Success," and told the story of Mr. Maydole, substantially as we have told it, citing him as an example of a successful man, who by diligent application on one object became the leader in his special line of work. James Parton, in his "Captains of Industry," gives an account of his beginning in life, and places him with Peter Cooper, Horace Greeley, Richard Cobden, and Henry Bessemer, all kings of business in their own fields of effort.

At the time of his death, Mr. Maydole was the head of the concern, his sons-in-law, Charles H. Merritt and Cyrus B. Martin, being associated with him. In 1861, Mr. Merritt bought a quarter interest in the plant, and from then until his death was most influential in building up the business. In 1877, Mr. Martin purchased a quarter interest of Mr. Maydole, and has since been and is now identified with the management of the company. In 1890, the present company was organized, the interest of each partner continuing in the new concern. Mr. Merritt was the first president, and was succeeded by Mr. Martin, who still retains the

presidency; he and his children own one-half of the stock. Mrs. Cornelia E. Merritt owns the other half of the stock, and is the vice-president of the company.

The Maydole hammer has received premiums in every industrial exposition where exhibited. In the Centennial-Columbian case, now standing in the engine room of the factory, may be seen the Chicago exhibit intact. The machinery used requires a 200 horsepower engine to move it, and several hundred tons of solid, crucible steel, made especially for their use, are cut up in the works each year. Grindstones by car loads are used up. A half million and more hickory handles are necessary for a full year's supply. In their catalogue are shown thirty-six different styles of hammers, some new in design, but most are of old and approved patterns. Many sizes are made of every style, but the heaviest hammer on the list weighs but four pounds. The works employ about 130 men, and turn out about a hundred dozen a day.

Mr. Maydole's habits of life were ever temperate and industrious. At the age of eighteen he first experienced religion, and united with the Presbyterian Church of Oxford, and was at different times a member of societies at Morrisville, Eaton and Norwich. He was a pronounced advocate of temperance. He was a generous contributor to church, charitable and public enterprises. Though Mr. Maydole was no politician, he took a hearty interest in public affairs, affiliating originally with the Democrats, but becoming a Republican, when the former organization became hopelessly wedded to slavery.

Mr. Maydole was joined in marriage, May

5, 1830, with Mary Madelia Hartshorn, daughter of Jacob Hartshorn, long a magistrate and prominent citizen of Lebanon, Madison County. Three daughters were born to this union, namely: Jane Madelia, wife of Col. William B. Guernsey; Ann Vernetta, wife of Cyrus B. Martin; and Cornelia Eliza, wife of Charles H. Merritt. He contracted a second marriage with Charlena Dickinson, daughter of Abner Dickinson, Esq., who now survives him.

David Maydole died October 14, 1882, at his residence in Norwich. The funeral services were most impressive, business generally being suspended, while the citizens of Norwich and adjoining towns joined in paying their last respects to him who had finished his life-work, and had been called home. The casket was borne by eight of Mr. Maydole's trusted employees. At the close of the services, which were held in the Congregational Church, the coffin lid was removed, and nearly the entire audience availed themselves of the opportunity of gazing upon the face of him who for upwards of forty years had been most intimately associated with everything that was best and noblest in the village of Norwich. The casket was then placed in the hearse, and was followed by a large number in carriages and on foot to the cemetery, where the last impressive rites of the burial service were concluded, and white flowers, "emblems of immortality," covered him from the sight of those left behind. David Maydole, after a life of the greatest usefulness, had entered into his reward. Mr. Maydole's portrait appears as the frontispiece of this work.

CLARK LAWRENCE HORTON, one of Afton's energetic business men, is a dealer in farming implements and fertilizers, and is also business manager of the Coventryville Creamery. He is a son of Leonard and Jemima (Conover) Horton, and was born in the town of Coventry, Chenango County, January 8, 1847.

The Hortons are an old and well known family, and are descendants of Puritan stock. Benjamin Horton, grandfather of our subject, was a native of the State of Connecticut and came to the State of New York in 1816, locating in the town of Columbus, Chenango County. About 1826 he moved to the town of Coventry, where he remained until his death, which occurred on May 24, 1841, when he was aged sixty-seven. He was extensively engaged in farming and owned a large farm in the town of Columbus. He was united in marriage with a Miss Peninah Newton, a native of Connecticut, by whom he had eleven children, one of whom was Leonard, the father of our subject.

Leonard Horton was born at Naugatuck, Conn., November, 15, 1807, and was nine years of age when his father brought him to Columbus. He was reared upon a farm, where he worked until he was eighteen years of age. He then received employment in a brewery, but finding it unsuited to his tastes he soon gave up the position and became an apprentice to the wagon maker's trade in New Berlin. After serving a three years' apprenticeship, he engaged in business for himself near South Oxford, and later at West Coventry. Four years later he moved to Coventryville, where he plied his trade

until near the time of his death, June 19, 1888. In connection with the manufacture of wagons, he owned and operated a farm, from which he obtained handsome profits. In his political belief, he was an unswerving Democrat, and voted uniformly and conscientiously with his party. He was joined in the holy bonds of wedlock with Miss Jemima Conover, who was born in the town of Glen, Montgomery County, N. Y., December 27, 1809, and died in the town of Coventry, April 9, 1877. Her father was Cornelius Conover, of Dutch descent, who came from Montgomery County, N. Y., in early life and settled in the town of Oxford, where he spent the rest of his days engaged in farming, and died in 1863, at the age of seventy-nine years. Her mother's maiden name was Polly Furman, and she died about 1827, aged forty-eight years. As a result of their union, Mr. and Mrs. Horton became the parents of four children, whose records are as follows: Marcus N.; Emily J., who married Wells Streeter, deceased, and now resides on the old Horton homestead in Coventryville, was for many years a successful teacher; Avis A., deceased, was at one time preceptress of Walton Academy in Delaware County, N. Y., and later became the wife of S. D. Silliman of Herkimer County, N. Y.; and Clark Lawrence, whose name heads these lines. Marcus N. Horton was born April 6, 1830, received his education in the Delaware County Institute at Franklin, N. Y., and in Williams College, from which he graduated. He was a man of much prominence as a teacher, and at one time was county school commissioner. He was also superintendent of schools of

Williamsport, Pa., and in its early days was appointed a professor of the Agricultural College of Ithaca, N. Y. He is now living in retirement at Bloomfield, N. J., as his health will not permit him to perform his duties as professor.

Clark Lawrence Horton was educated in the Jefferson County Institute, and later at Oxford Academy. Leaving school at the age of twenty, he taught during the winter seasons and followed farming in the summers. From 1868 to 1893, his time was devoted almost exclusively to farming in the town of Coventry. He operated a farm of 250 acres and made a specialty of dairying, keeping from twenty-five to thirty-five cows the year around, and making a decided success of the business. In 1894, he moved to Afton, N. Y., where he has since dealt in farm implements and fertilizers, and also acted as business manager of a co-operative creamery of Coventryville. He is a man of strict integrity, and by his honest dealings in his business transactions has made many friends since becoming a resident of Afton. In political views he has always been identified with the Republican party, and has filled many of the town offices of Coventry, including that of supervisor, and has also filled the position of supervisor of Afton. Religiously, he is a faithful member of the Baptist Church, and for fifteen years was deacon, and many years trustee and clerk in that organization at Coventry. Socially, he is a prominent member of the Grange.

Mr. Horton was joined in Hymen's bonds with Martha E. Parker, August 23, 1871, and two children have blessed their union, namely:



George B. Whitmore

Rachel A., born September 6, 1876; and Harrison Grant, born January 1, 1881. Mrs. Horton is a daughter of Gaius and Lucretia (Coffin) Parker, and a granddaughter of Oliver and Abigail (Lewis) Parker. Oliver Parker was a farmer and hotel keeper, and at one time followed the occupation of a blacksmith. He was an active church worker and was a member of the Baptist Church. To his union with Miss Lewis were born four children: Thankful, wife of Nahum Newton, both of whom are now deceased; Merab, deceased, was the wife of Deacon John Stoddard; Esther, deceased, was the wife of Rev. Daniel Root, a Baptist minister; and Gaius L. Gaius L. Parker was reared and always lived in the town of Coventry. In early life he was a farmer and blacksmith, but his later days were devoted to farming only. He owned a farm of 150 acres, and was one of the leading farmers of the community in which he lived. He was a quiet, retiring man, but was always forcible in his convictions of right and wrong. He was a staunch Republican in his political belief. He was united in marriage with Lucretia Coffin, and they reared the following children: Aurelia, deceased, was the wife of Thomas Hale of Auburn, N. Y.; Edwin, who died at an early age; George also died young; Eliza is the wife of Daniel Walker, and resides in Oxford; Hannah, deceased, married Orville Wilson; Miss Julia of Oxford; Mary, deceased, was the wife of Jacob A. Sanders; and Martha E., the wife of our subject.

Mr. Horton is a man of intelligence, well versed on all subjects of interest to the people, and actively supports all things tending

to improve the public condition. He is well thought of by his fellow citizens, who respect and esteem him as a man of great worth and influence in the community.

MR. GEORGE B. WHITMORE.

This prominent citizen of Chenango County, and resident of the village of Sherburne, whose steel plate portrait we present on the opposite page, is the senior member of the large commission firm of G. B. Whitmore & Co. of New York City. This firm transacts an enormous business in cheese, butter, eggs and other products of the farm, and is accorded the distinction of handling more cheese than any other house in the metropolis. The mercantile agencies rate G. B. Whitmore & Co. from \$300,000.00 to \$500,000.00. This powerful commercial force was organized in a small way by our subject when following his trade as a carpenter in a humble way in Chenango County; it did not take him long to see with his sagacious business sense that there was money in the commission business for him, if he only gave his whole time and attention to it. He accordingly gave up his trade, and moved to New York City, where for a period of nearly thirty years his name has been familiar and respected among the commission houses. He is pre-eminently a self-made man, and has accomplished wonders by means of the talents Nature gave him,—an acute, vigorous intellect, excellent judgment, and willing hands. He possessed the qualities that win success, and he made a

happy use of them to achieve wealth and influence. His position to-day is as the most prominent, most wealthy, and best known citizen of Chenango County. In his struggle for prominence he has had little, if any, help from the outside. He has fought his own battles, with how great success is only known by those who are nearest to him, and in his confidence.

Mr. Whitmore was born in the town of Columbus, Chenango County, June 29, 1835, and is a son of Luther and Elsie (Perkins) Whitmore, and grandson of Samuel and Annie (Blackman) Whitmore. Samuel Whitmore came into Chenango County from the State of Massachusetts at an early day, when the hills and valleys were alike covered with a dense forest, that harbored in its fastnesses many varieties of game as well as savage animals. He was by trade a cooper, but spent the greater portion of his life, at least after coming to Central New York, as a pioneer farmer. He cleared and placed under cultivation the farm now owned by Mr. Shawler, which he afterward sold to advantage and located where Lewis Simmons lives; there he built solid substantial farm buildings, and attained a place high in the esteem of his neighbors as a man of judgment, industry and integrity; the barn that he built is still standing and in service. Both he and his wife lived to be eighty-six years of age.

The only child of Samuel and Annie (Blackman) Whitmore was Luther, the father of our subject, who came into the world in 1792 at his father's home in Columbus township. After attending the district

school, Luther Whitmore became a graduate of the Fairfield Academy in 1815. He clerked for a time in one of the early stores of the region, and also followed the profession of a surveyor. He was one of the best educated men of his day in the county, and a great reader of Shakespeare; when a young man he taught in the district schools. He settled on a farm, now owned by Edward Bryan, of 130 acres, which adjoined his father's tract of 100 acres; in later life he owned both of them. His marked thrift and good methods in carrying on his agricultural operations made him very successful, and as time progressed he became one of the heaviest land-owners, and most extensive agriculturists of Columbus township. After his active days on the farm were over, he retired to Columbus Center, purchased a home for himself there, and passed the remainder of his days, being called to his reward at the age of seventy six. He was very active and influential in both the Whig and Republican parties, his connection with the latter organization dating from the dissolution of the former one. He was very frequently honored by his townsmen, and there was scarcely a time during the active part of his life when he was not holding some office. Thus were the qualities of this enterprising and prominent citizen recognized and rewarded. His wife, Elsie, who lived to be eighty-five years old, was a daughter of Daniel Perkins, who was an early settler on Shawler Creek, near the Great Western Turnpike. The following children made up the family circle of our subject's parents: Samuel; Daniel E.; Ann F.; Augustus C.;

John L.; George B.; Henry J.; Lee H.; and Alice. Samuel, the eldest of the family, resides in Chenango County, and is retired from the pursuits of agriculture. Daniel E., a leading citizen of Marathon village, Cortland County, is engaged in a wholesale produce business, which is connected with and related to that of G. B. Whitmore & Co. Ann E., now deceased, was in life the true and faithful wife of Nicholas Richer. Augustus C., also deceased, was a farmer of the State of Wisconsin. John L., who is a physician and a pharmacist, resides in Minnesota, where he is receiving his just due as a prominent and representative citizen. Henry I., now retired and living in Minnesota, was for a number of years a teacher, and was then engaged in mercantile lines. Lee H. has been in business for years in Minnesota. Alice wedded Andrew Robinson, a stonemason, and has lived in Chenango County all her life.

Hon. George B. Whitmore pursued his education in the district schools, and in the academy, preparing himself for the life of a teacher, which, however, he did not elect to follow. He then learned the carpenter's trade, and was engaged in building and contracting for a number of years with great success and commendable results, employing many men and accumulating a capital, that enabled him in a small way to launch out in the produce and commission business. He at length gave up his trade, and interested himself solely in the wholesale produce business, with headquarters at New Berlin and Edmeston; buying produce and shipping it to market at New York City comprised his

operations during this stage of his career. In establishing this business, he afforded the farmers of Chenango County a market for their goods near at hand, and offered such prices as were honest and fair to the producers. By fair, unbiased treatment he gained the confidence and good-will of a large acquaintance, which proved useful to him, when he established himself in New York City in 1869. When he started in business in the metropolis, he opened a commission house at 89 and 91 Warren Street, and by his energy and excellent management he built up an enormous trade. During the first five years he had a partner; after he bought him out he continued alone for nearly ten years, and achieved a glowing success. The volume of business was doubled many times over, operations were extended into many a new field, and facilities were provided by means of which the vast increase in the trade and amount of goods handled could be accommodated without the loss of time, money or labor. This was the busiest period in our subject's life, and well did he conduct himself in the management of his commission house, that then rivalled the largest and oldest establishments of its kind in the city. His shrewd foresight and enterprising spirit brought him wealth, that was not dissipated by ill-judged ventures or carelessness in its handling, but was rather retained and husbanded by conservative methodical habits of business for the further extension of his commercial activity. In July, 1885, Mr. Whitmore admitted into the firm his nephew, D. W. Whitmore, son of his brother, Hon. Daniel E. Whitmore of Marathon, Cortland,

County; the firm then became known as G. B. Whitmore & Co., and remained so when a younger brother of D. W., D. L. Whitmore, was made a partner. This live commission and produce house has allowed no cause to give it a set-back; it has gone right on increasing its business, gaining more patrons, and making itself a distinct power in the commercial world, until it is safe to asseverate that at this day few commission houses in New York City do so large a business in general farm produce, while none handle more boxes of cheese. Chenango County has not another citizen whose rise to prominence and wealth has been so steady and uninterrupted, of such splendid personal characteristics, that ennoble him in the minds of his friends, as Mr. Whitmore.

Our subject is actuated in his dealings with his fellow men by only the most noble and generous of sentiments, and few men enjoy so large a measure of respect and esteem as falls to him. He is very charitably disposed, and is a most liberal supporter of the Episcopal Church of Sherburne, of which he is a member and warden. Those in real need and distress find in him a real friend and sympathizer, who well knows how to provide for their wants. For fifteen years he lived in his beautiful residence in Brooklyn, but as advanced age came to him, his thoughts turned toward the country and to his native county, where his youth and young manhood were spent. He accordingly came to Chenango County, and located in the beautiful village of Sherburne to live a more retired life, far from the distracting scenes of city life, his business being left to

the immediate supervision of his partners. He purchased the M. L. Harvey property, consisting of two acres of land, fronting on Main Street. There he built a handsome residence, replete with modern conveniences and the latest appliances for domestic comfort, and furnished luxuriously throughout. It is without question one of the very finest homes in Chenango County, and derives especial beauty from its tasty and artistic surroundings. The spacious grounds were graded and laid out in an extensive park, with shade trees, shrubbery and flowers in abundance; there is, however, nothing obtrusive in the arrangement of the various natural and artificial features,—each and all, from the large handsome fountain that plays throughout the long summer days to the groups of shrubbery and flower beds, form one harmonious whole, that pleases and delights the eye with its symmetry and beauty.

No citizen of Sherburne can boast of more assistance or heartier interest in the progress and welfare of the village than our subject, who, since becoming a resident, has been more than eager to make Sherburne a model village, and raise its already high standing. He is an extensive holder of real estate, and owns a number of tenement houses in the village, and a number of fine farms in Sherburne and the adjoining towns. He owns the Empire Block on Main Street, which is devoted to stores and offices, and a brick block, which contains a bakery. He has given his services gladly and willingly, when called upon to hold public office, and none can complain of lack of public spirit on the

part of Mr. Whitmore. He is a Republican as respects his political views, and served as president of the village corporation from 1886 to 1891. He has been supervisor of the town two terms, and was chairman of the board of supervisors one of these terms. In 1885 he was elected to represent Chenango County in the State Assembly, and received a plurality over his Democratic opponent of 1,130 votes. In the Assembly he served as a member of the committee on Banks, and as chairman of the committee on Charitable and Religious Societies. He has been very prominent in county politics, and is a very influential and able member of the Republican organization; he has been chairman of the county committee, and in other like positions has been able to offer good counsel and advice. Mr. Whitmore married Miss Marian Furman, daughter of Frederick Furman, deceased. Their only child is Marian O., who lives at home. She is an accomplished artist, and is extremely popular in the best social circles of the village.

HON. HIRAM ELEAZER STORRS, deceased, late an esteemed resident of Sherburne, will long be remembered in Chenango County as one whose life history was closely interwoven with the development of this section. Public-spirited, and enterprising, he was in his prime the peer of any citizen of the community, and could be relied on to stanchly uphold and zealously guard the interests of Chenango County. He was born in the town of

Columbus, October 12, 1813, and was therefore an indigenous product, and closely related to all that concerned the growth of Central New York.

His father, Benjamin Storrs, left his home at Mansfield, Conn., at an early age, and came to Columbus, where he was for many years engaged in carrying on a flourishing mercantile business. He was married on January 4, 1807, to Mindwell Crosby, and these children were born to them: Mariam; Catherine, who died January 25, 1898; Experience; and Hon. Hiram E. Benjamin Storrs served in many of the town offices, was assessor and clerk, and did all in his power to advance and further his chosen home. His death occurred June 20, 1860.

Hiram E. succeeded to the care of the homestead, even before the death of his father, and cared for his parents in their old age. He built a new store and ran it for a number of years. He was a very popular and much esteemed man, and in the local councils of the Republican party occupied a leader's position. He served as town clerk and assessor, and represented Chenango County in the State Assembly in 1846. At Albany he easily sustained the reputation he had gained at home for fluent and able speaking, and the proper occasion always found him ready to champion, with force and an earnestness most convincing, state measures that appealed to him as needed. He was one of the most enthusiastic of party workers, and in 1844 he constructed a small house, modeled after the White House at Washington, in which he placed a live raccoon. The house and "coon" were then

placed on a platform after the manner of a "float", and the whole was drawn from place to place by a team of eight horses, and exhibited at political meetings, that occurred during the Whig candidacy of Henry Clay for the Presidency. After the exciting times of that Presidential election had passed, Mr. Storrs had the house fastened to the gable of his store; at the present time, it adorns the front of the barn of Mrs. Ida R. Deitz, Mr. Storrs' daughter, who caused it to be placed there in remembrance of the early days. Mr. Storrs was however more than an ordinary party worker, and was not interested in the elections for any advantage that might accrue to him. Out of a love for the cause, he devoted much of his time, and subscribed large sums of money. Upon the outbreak of the late rebellion, he enlisted in the 161st Reg. N. Y. Vol. Inf., and served for three years. His death occurred December 27, 1893.

On September 19, 1839, he was united in marriage with Eunice A. Crary, daughter of Capt. Henry Crary, and granddaughter of Capt. Henry Crary, Sr. The latter was a sea-captain, and followed nautical pursuits the greater part of his life, his home being in Connecticut. Capt. Henry Crary, Jr., was born in Groton, Conn., March 12, 1782, and spent the early part of his life on the sea, following the sea-faring business for twelve years, until about the breaking out of the War of 1812 between England and the United States, his course lying between Middletown, Conn., and South America. He in 1814 with his wife set out for Central New York. They traveled the entire distance from Groton to Columbus, this county, in a one-horse lumber

wagon, a long, tedious and difficult journey for those days. He bought on his arrival in this locality the farm now owned by the Crary heirs, three miles north of Columbus Center, the property then consisting of 250 acres of choice land, its owner being a Mr. Thompson, who had inherited the property from his father-in-law, John Lawrence, who had settled on the place near the close of the last century. Capt. Crary was possessed of ample means and spared no expense in furnishing and in building the new house that he erected on his property. It was built in 1830, Richard Lloyd being the carpenter, and it stands today as a testimony to excellent materials and the best of workmanship. After the house was built, Capt. Crary, journeyed to Albany *via* the Cherry Valley turnpike for a sitting-room stove and other hardware; the Franklin stove that he secured is now owned by our subject's daughters, Mrs. Ida R. Deitz, and Mary E. Storrs, and, with the original stove-pipe and other fixtures still intact, is still in a good state of preservation, and still in use. The andirons that stand upon the hearth were brought by the family in their removal from Groton. Much of the other original furniture of the house is still in use, and includes hand-made dressers, lockers, desks, beds, tables, chairs, dishes, etc., a great part of these pieces of furniture being in beautiful antique designs, so much prized by the relic hunters. Capt. Crary died August 23, 1865. He was a very active Whig partisan, and identified himself with all the interests of his town, serving some seven or eight years as its supervisor, and was held in such confidence by the community that he



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was in 1834 elected one of the Members of Assembly for the county, and had a place in that body in the session of 1835. Although age interfered with his activity in the closing years of his life, his intellect exhibited no signs of impairment, and his interest in local, state and national affairs continued until the last. Through all his long life, and especially during his residence in Columbus, Capt. Crary was held in great and deserved esteem by all who came in contact with him. He was a sagacious counsellor, an intelligent and active citizen, a kind and sympathizing neighbor and friend, and an honest man. He was married in 1814 to Mrs. Collins York, who was born June 27, 1784, and died November 19, 1848. Three children grew to maturity from this union, as follows: Mary Ann, born June 9, 1815; Eunice A., born February 15, 1818, became the wife of Hon. Hiram E. Storrs; and Henry, who was born November 17, 1825, in Columbus, N. Y., and died unmarried, December 4, 1888, at Columbus Center, from injuries received from a fall while at work in one of the buildings on the Crary farm. Emily and Eliza, twins, died young. Capt. Crary married for his second wife Lucy Ann Lewis, in 1849, at Stonington, Conn. She died September 4, 1890, at Eureka, Cal., at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. A. F. West.

Three children comprised the family of Hon. Hiram E. Storrs, two of whom now survive him. Hiram H., born June 29, 1842, was a soldier in the same regiment as his father, and met his death in 1863. Ida R., born July 10, 1847, married Malcolm G. Dietz, now deceased, who was a member of

the firm of Dietz & Walker, merchants of Sherburne. They had one child, Grace, who is now deceased. Mary E., the third of the children in order of birth, was born September 21, 1851. Miss Storrs and her sister, Mrs. Dietz, own and occupy their parent's home, a beautiful modern house, surrounded with wide lawns, well-shaded with magnificent trees.

WILLIAM F. JENKS. Social and political position in the United States is not dependent, as in the Old World monarchies, on titles or on long lines of family ancestors, but is rather based on a man's own achievements. A self-made man, one who owes his success in great part to his own individual efforts, is the type of a man of whom we Americans are pardonably proud, perhaps because his struggles against adverse circumstances and a comparatively humble beginning to success and honor so nearly resemble the life of our own nation. Among the number of self-made men of whom Chenango County boasts, we would be extremely unwilling to pass by without due mention the subject of this sketch, William F. Jenks, ex-judge of Chenango County. He is a son of Hawkins and Lora (Flint) Jenks, and was born August 29, 1831, in Burlington, Otsego County, N. Y.

Peter Jenks, the grandfather of our subject, was a prominent farmer in the State of Rhode Island, and came to Burlington about 1794, where he farmed the rest of his active

life. He was the father of twelve children, nine sons and three daughters..

In politics Hawkins Jenks was a Whig, and held important offices in his town. After the disbanding of that party he acted with the Democratic party. Religiously, he and his wife were members of the Universalist Church. He was joined in matrimony with Miss Lora Flint, and they reared two children, namely: William F., the subject of this personal history, and Sarah, the wife of Charles P. Sprague. Mr. and Mrs. Jenks have both passed from this life.

William F. Jenks attended the district and select schools, and improved every opportunity by which he might add to his stock of knowledge, and so become equipped for life's work. He taught school for some time and then chose law as a profession. After studying the fundamental principles of legal procedure and jurisprudence, he was admitted to the bar in 1853, and began to practice in the town of Friendship, Allegany County, N. Y. In 1855 he went to New Berlin and remained there until 1875, when he came to Norwich, where he has since resided. He was elected judge of Chenango County in November, 1877, and was again re-elected in 1883. He also has been supervisor of his native town for one year.

Judge Jenks is a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, and senior warden of that church. He is a member of the Masonic Order, Phœbus Lodge, No. 82, of New Berlin, and of the Chapter and Commandery in Norwich. He chose for his life companion Eliza Matterson, daughter of Nathan W. Matterson, and they were married November

10, 1854. They have reared and educated five children, namely: Florence E.; Carrie L.; Anna B.; Albert W.; and Laura M.

Professionally, the life of Judge Jenks has been marked by a high sense of justice, a keen sympathy for the poor and oppressed suitor and a plainly shown impatience at that public clamor which now and then usurps the place of justice and demands a victim without much heed as to the question of guilt or innocence. On the bench he had a graceful, dignified bearing. His rulings and opinions were delivered firmly, dispassionately and with evident full intent to treat the case fairly and impartially. He was alike courteous to the youngest attorney and to the oldest member of the bar. As an individual in the private walks of life, it matters not whether he meets a banker or a laborer, he is sure to give him the same warm grasp and hearty greeting. On a preceding page we take pleasure in presenting a portrait of Judge William F. Jenks.

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DR. DE WITT CRUMB, who has charge of a large practice in the village of South Otselic, is a veteran of the late Civil War, and has a record for bravery and faithfulness while in the service that is a source of great pride to his family, and will continue to be so for many generations to come. He was born in the town of Preston, Chenango County, and attended the district schools. Upon leaving school he learned the trade of a carpenter

and joiner with his father and continued in that line of work until November 23, 1863. He enlisted as private in Co. G, 22nd Reg., N. Y. Vol. Cav., which regiment was at first assigned to the Army of the Potomac under Gen. Wilson, but later on, June 9, 1864, was transferred to the Army of Shenandoah under Gen. Custer. This company of brave troopers took an important part in some of the fiercest battles fought in that cruel war, and but seventeen of these heroes, who willingly and with light hearts left happy homes to fight for the Union, lived to return to those homes where loving ones awaited them. They were actively engaged in the following battles: Wilderness; Spottsylvania; Todd's Tavern; Cold Harbor; Paumonkey; Ream's Station; Wilson and Kautz Raid; Winchester; Cedar Creek; November 12th on the Back Road; Tom's Creek; Waynesborough; and twenty-eight other engagements of lesser importance. Our subject received a wound in the leg at Stony Creek, and was also hit in the head by a bullet at Bottom's Bridge, but they were not of enough importance to prevent his participating in further service, although they were very painful for some time. August 1, 1865, he received his honorable discharge and returned to his home at Preston, having previously been promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Dr. Crumb comes of distinguished ancestors both paternally and maternally. He is a son of Ralph and Laura A. (Clark) Crumb, and a grandson of Phineas Crumb. Phineas Crumb was a native of Scotland, his home being near Edinburgh, where he followed the

occupation of an agriculturist. Upon coming to America with his family, he located in the town of Pharsalia, Chenango County, N. Y., at what is now known as the Old Deer Pond. He was one of the pioneer farmers of that time and was a very prominent man. He was an earnest worker in church affairs, and was instrumental in the building of the Free Will Baptist Church of Pharsalia, of which he was a member. He reared a remarkable family of seven sons, who were brought up under religious influences, and were never known to take a drink of liquor or use tobacco in any form. The family consisted of seven sons and four daughters, whose records are as follows: Ralza, deceased, was a farmer of the town of Plymouth and for seven years was county poormaster, and supervisor for a considerable period; Ruel followed farming, and died in the town of South Otselic in 1858; Ralph, the father of our subject; Reuben, who died at an early age; Jesse was a farmer, but is now living in retirement in Steuben County, N. Y.; Samuel, deceased, was a farmer of Canandaigua, Ontario County; Phineas is a farmer of Pharsalia, who inherited the old homestead; Hannah married Darwin Parks—they were among the earliest settlers of Ashtabula, Ohio, and were the parents of three sons, all of whom lost their lives in the Second Battle of Lookout Mountain; Rachel, deceased, was united in marriage with William B. Lewis, a late farmer of the town of Preston and a deacon of the church; Lydia married Lorenzo Barlow of Plymouth, and both are now deceased; and Louise, who married Miles Newton, and

was the mother of Newton Bros., shirt manufacturers of Homer, N. Y.

Ralph Crumb, our subject's father, was born near Edinburgh, Scotland, August 10, 1813, and came to America with his father. He was reared on the farm, but after reaching manhood he followed the trade of a carpenter and joiner, being considered a skilled workman. He made his home in the village of Preston, but his reputation as a contractor extended throughout the county, and many of the older buildings in the village of Norwich are results of his workmanship. He was a staunch Republican, and was interested in politics to the extent of a very dutiful citizen. Religiously, he was an earnest member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His companion in life was Miss Laura A. Clark, and they were the parents of four sons and one daughter, namely: Henry A., a well-to-do farmer of Kanona, Steuben County; Lucius, a glove and mitten manufacturer of Norwich; Alson, a farmer of the town of Preston; Dr. De Witt, the subject of this biography; and Amanda, deceased, who married George Nicholson, and at the time of her death resided on the old Clark homestead, which has been in the possession of that family since 1802. Mrs. Crumb comes of the purest of Puritan stock and traces her ancestry back to one, William Clark, who came to this country in the Mayflower. William Clark, the great-grandfather of our subject's mother, was a native of Stonington, Conn. He was one of the brave men of the Revolutionary War and served under Gen. Putnam. While storming Stony Point on the Hudson, he lost a leg, for which he after-

wards received a pension, which was the eighth on the Government's pension list to be granted. In 1802, accompanied by his family, he came to the town of Preston and located on what is now the County Home Farm. His son, Alfred Clark, grandfather of our subject, was a farmer of the town of Preston, and was a soldier in the War of 1812, being one of the defenders of Sackett's Harbor. He was united in marriage with Miss Hannah Minor, a daughter of William Minor, a Revolutionary soldier who died, after withstanding the vicissitudes of fortune for one-hundred and two years, and now lies buried by the side of William Clark in the cemetery at Preston Corners. Alfred Clark also lived to reach a ripe old age, dying at the age of ninety-one. He was an adherent of the doctrines of the Universalist Church, and his son, Rev. A. G. Clark, an uncle of our subject, is a minister of that denomination.

Our subject, after returning from the war, entered Haverling Union School of Bath, and graduated in 1868. He then began reading medicine with Dr. Thomas D. Wight of Preston in the fall of 1868, and later entered the University of Buffalo, where he pursued the study of his profession until February 20, 1871, the date of his graduation. After practicing for five and a half years in the County Home, he came to South Otselic, where he has since remained. He has a large general practice and possesses the confidence of his patients. Kind and charitable in all his dealings, he is well liked, and can boast of as many friends as can most men in the vicinity.

Dr. Crumb formed a matrimonial alliance



DR. ALVIN C. HAZARD.

May 30, 1871, with Miss Amelia G. Janes, a daughter of Sidney Janes, a late farmer of Preston, and two children have blessed their union, namely: Mary E., who married Dr. J. Perry Horle of Cato, N. Y.; and J. Mott, a medical student at Fairfield Military School. Politically, our subject is a staunch supporter of the principles of the Republican party. He is a member of the New York State Medical Society; the Central New York Medical Association; and is a member and past president of the Chenango County Medical Society. Socially, he is a member of the South Otselic Lodge, No. 659, F. & A. M., of which he has been master and secretary since 1878; of the Norwich Commandery, No. 46; Lake Ontario Consistory, No. 12, A. A. S. R.; Cascadilla Lodge, No. 478, I. O. O. F., of South Otselic, of which he is past grand master. He belongs to the J. E. Parce Post, No. 456, G. A. R., of South Otselic, and has been commander for the past ten years. He always attends the state and national encampments, and has been sent as delegate to represent the State of New York at the last four national encampments.

ALVIN C. HAZARD, M. D., deceased. The history of this eminent physician of New Berlin presents a record of a busy and useful life. He was born at Little Meadows, Pa., June 21, 1838, and was a son of Oliver Perry and Prudence Aruba (Dobson) Hazard. He received a good academic education in his native village,

after which he took up the study of medicine under the tutelage of Dr. E. A. Wilmot of Little Meadows. He studied diligently for three years, and in 1863, as the notes of war were resounding through the land, he proffered his services for the preservation of the Union. He enlisted in the United States Railroad Medical Department as assistant surgeon and served in that capacity for two years. He also had charge of the Military Railroad Department at Alexandria, Va., for one year. He served until the close of the war and was always at his post when needed, caring for his patients night and day. After the war was over he moved to South New Berlin, Chenango County, in January, 1866, and was licensed by the County Medical Society to practice his profession. There he built up a good practice, but in 1871 removed to New Berlin, which was his home until his death. During the first nine years of his residence, he was associated in the drug business with J. L. Dykes, but the partnership was amicably dissolved when Dr. Hazard was elected sheriff. He was a careful practitioner and possessed the confidence and esteem of a large patronage. He did not confine his attention to the care of the well-to-do class, as his best efforts were as often put forth without hope of remuneration, and there were many poor families to whom he gave free advice, medicines, and other needful articles. The character of Dr. Hazard presented the happy combination of great refinement of mind, and the practical adaptation of the qualities which enabled him to carry on his life pursuits with dignity and honor, and at the same time made him finan-

cially successful and a favorite with the common people. He was never too proud to listen to a tale of distress, and no one turned from him without aid and sympathy. Mentally, morally and physically he was a model man. He will be affectionately remembered in his community long after those who knew him most intimately have passed away. He was also liberal in the support of everything which tended to ameliorate the condition of mankind.

Dr. Hazard was united in marriage March 10, 1858, with Miss Angeline D. Sage of South New Berlin, and they became the parents of three children, namely: Mrs. Ella M. Palmer; Ransom E., deceased; and Oliver. He was bereaved of his wife's companionship April 11, 1872. He took for his second consort Miss Adelaide Briggs of New Berlin, and one son, Harold, blessed their union. Mrs. Hazard was an affectionate wife and mother and still resides in New Berlin. Our subject was an unswerving Republican, and had far-reaching influence in political affairs. He served in official capacity as supervisor in 1869, and was honored by an election to the office of sheriff in 1879. At the time of his death, he was health officer in Pittsfield, Otsego County, and New Berlin, Chenango County, and railroad surgeon on the O. & W. R. R., and also an active and interested member of the board of education of New Berlin. Socially, he was a member of the Chenango County Medical Society, and Phoebus Lodge, No. 82, F. & A. M. In religion, he was an adherent to the faith of the Baptist Church, and liberally supported that organization.

Dr. Hazard passed away at his home in New Berlin, Monday evening, April 19, 1897, and his death was a cause for general mourning and commiseration. The funeral services were held at the church on the Friday following his demise, the Rev. E. A. Bacon officiating. The Chenango County Medical Society, the board of education, and the faculty and students of the public schools attended in a body, and the members of Phoebus Lodge, F. & A. M., acted as escorts. It was the largest and most generally attended funeral ever held in New Berlin. He was regarded as a representative of the best type of a physician and as a very nobleman of his profession, as is shown by the following resolutions adopted by the Medical Societies of Chenango, Otsego and Madison Counties, and Phoebus Lodge: "Whereas, Dr. A. C. Hazard's life was a continued record of faithfulness to his chosen profession. His untiring energy, his ready response to all demands, his willing sacrifices, his generosity, his loyalty and his keen judgment were specialties that not only made him successful in the highest sense, but brought to him the confidence, respect and friendship of his fellow-laborers in the 'art of healing'. Therefore, we, representing the Medical Societies of Chenango, Otsego, and Madison Counties, express our great sorrow that death has taken him from a work for which he was so well fitted, depriving a community of his skillful labor and the medical fraternity of his wise counsel and fellowship." Signed by L. J. Brooks for the Chenango County Medical Society; O. W. Bushyter for the Madison County Medical Society; and W. R.

Lough for the Otsego County Medical Society. In order to call to mind and keep fresh the memory of Dr. Hazard's nobly lived life, the publishers of this volume present his portrait on a preceding page in connection with this personal history.

DANIEL A. CARPENTER, ex-sheriff of Chenango County, and one of the oldest business men of Afton, who is now leading the life of a private citizen, is a son of Benjamin and Catherine (Salmon) Carpenter, and was born in the village of South Bainbridge, now Afton, August 12, 1820.

The family is of the sturdy English race. The grandfather of our subject was Samuel Carpenter, who lived in Orange County, this state, and was one of the earliest settlers, being successfully engaged in the cultivation of the soil.

Benjamin Carpenter, the father of our subject, was a native of Orange County and was born in 1765. He was among the first settlers to locate in the village of Bainbridge, where he conducted a merchandise store and hotel from 1785 to 1790. Owing to the light travel there was in those days he abandoned his business and purchased a farm of one hundred acres, situated one mile from where the village of Afton now stands and along the Susquehanna River; there he was engaged in the prosecution of the development of the soil until his death, which occurred in 1835. He was originally a tailor, having learned the trade in New York City, and followed this business in connection with farming. He

was a staunch Democrat in politics and took an active part in the political affairs in his community. During the Masonic excitement throughout the state he took a decided stand against secret societies, consequently he was an Anti-Mason man. He married Catherine Salmon, and they reared a family of eleven children. Mrs. Carpenter passed to the unknown beyond in 1824, aged fifty-six years.

Daniel A. Carpenter, the subject of this brief narrative, was the youngest of a family of eleven children, and was educated in the common schools and at Oxford Academy. He was compelled to leave school owing to ill health, and at the age of twenty-three years, he went south and taught school one term in the State of Kentucky; he then went to New Orleans, La., where he remained during the winter of 1845-46. He spent three months working for a commission house, and his health then being greatly improved, he returned home. In 1847 he engaged in farming one mile east of Afton, but being dissatisfied with that occupation, in 1851 he moved to Wyoming County, Pa., and engaged in the manufacture of lumber, shipping most of it to Port Deposit, which is located at the mouth of the Susquehanna River. In 1854, in partnership with his cousin, Daniel Carpenter, he engaged in the mercantile business in the village of South Bainbridge, now Afton, the firm name being D. & D. A. Carpenter. In 1857 our subject sold his interests to his cousin, and two years later he again embarked in the same business in partnership with Eli M. Shay under the firm name of Carpenter & Shay. In 1857 the

town of Afton was formed from a part of Bainbridge, and in the following year he was elected the first supervisor, and in 1859 he was re-elected to the same office. Mr. Carpenter was a Democrat up to 1856; being opposed to slavery he was forced to join the ranks of the Republicans, and remained identified with that political organization until 1872, since which time he has been a Prohibitionist. In 1864 he was elected sheriff of Chenango County on the Republican ticket for a term of three years, which made it necessary for him to move to the village of Norwich. On January 1, 1868, he returned to Afton, built a large brick building and opened a general store, and was actively engaged in mercantile business for twenty-five years. He also built him a handsome home the same year, where he now lives, passing his latter days with ease, having retired from active life in 1894, owing to his ill health. Our subject served as justice of the peace six years prior to being elected as sheriff, and also served as president of the board of education.

Mr. Carpenter and Miss Sarah M. Williams, daughter of Jirah Williams of Richfield Springs, Otsego County, N. Y., formed a matrimonial alliance and were happily wedded June 24, 1847. They are the parents of five children, of whom three are at present living. They are: Daniel Arthur; Horace Raymond; and Samuel Frank. Daniel A. was born June 11, 1858, and was educated in the Afton Union Schools and Wyoming Seminary and later took a four years' course in Yale College and graduated with the class of '81; two years later he

graduated from the Yale Law School, and returning home, he engaged as clerk in the patent office of Gilbert M. Plymton, patent right attorney in New York City. Five years later he opened an office at No. 15 Wall Street, where he makes a specialty of patent law. Horace Raymond was born October 7, 1860, and received his preparatory education in the Afton Union Schools and at Williston Academy at East Hampton, Mass., and entered the Scientific Department of Yale College, from which he graduated in 1883. He then accepted a position as civil engineer with the Union Pacific R. R., and remained with that company for seven years, when he accepted a like position with the Denver & Rio Grande R. R. Later he engaged in mining and speculation at Victor, Col., in the Cripple Creek mining district, and became one of the wealthy and influential citizens of that community. Samuel Frank was born April 13, 1864, and received his primary education in the Afton schools and Williston Academy. He was joined in marriage with Miss Angie Derby, now deceased, and lives in Carbondale, Pa., and with Frederick Forbes, he is editor and proprietor of the Morning Herald.

WILLIAM W. LYON, one of Smyrna's energetic business men, and a member of the popular firm of Lyon & Ferris, dealers in hardware, was born in the town of Sherburne, this county, December 30, 1849.

Mr. Lyon is a son of Benjamin T. and



FREDERICK E. BARNARD.

Mary U. (Rogers) Lyon, and grandson of Benjamin Lyon, who in 1804 came from Rhode Island to the town of Sherburne, and settled on a new and uncultivated tract of land. In the midst of a deep forest he planned and developed a fine farm, built a log cabin, and returned to Rhode Island, whence with his ox team he brought his family to his new home. There they settled and cleared the farm now owned by our subject, the original property being 100 acres of the old Griggs tract. Later he built a frame building on his farm, and there carried on farming operations until 1854, when he died at the age of eighty-seven years. To his first wife, who died in young womanhood, a family of seven children were born: Alden; Benjamin T.; John; Reuben; Cyrus; Richard; and Eliza.

Benjamin T. Lyon grew to manhood and bought the old homestead, erecting thereon the buildings that are now standing. He married Mary Comstock, who bore him four children: Lucian; Arnom; Hannah; and Mary; all the above are now deceased. His second wife was Mary U. Rogers, daughter of Alva and Desire (Eaton) Rogers; she died in 1866 at the age of fifty-eight years. Mr. Lyon and his second wife reared and educated a family of ten children, named as follows: Amy; Delia; Roxie; Charles, who died in infancy; Cornelia; Cynthia; Ellen; Kate; William W., the subject of this sketch; and Edward P. In connection with farming, Benjamin T. Lyon also ran a shoe shop. In politics he was during his younger years a Whig, but upon the formation of the Republican party, he joined its ranks. Religiously,

he was a member of the Baptist Church, and for many years he held the office of deacon, and assisted in directing the spiritual welfare of the organization. Mr. Lyon died May 30, 1865, aged sixty-seven years.

William W. Lyon, at the age of twenty-three years, entered upon his business career by clerking in A. K. Dixon's hardware store; later our subject and C. L. Ferris bought out Mr. Dixon, and under the firm name of Lyon & Ferris opened up a store, containing a full line of stoves, hardware, whips, paints, oils, and agricultural implements. The storehouse on School Street contains a line of wagons, sleighs, and bicycles. On the second floor of the store is located the tin and plumbing shop.

Mr. Lyon married Miss Cora A. Karr, daughter of Huse and Ruth Karr, and as a result of this union one child has been born to them, Edward Benjamin, who at the age of nineteen years is at present attending Colgate Academy. Our subject is inclined to be liberal in his religious views. Politically, he is a stanch Republican, and is a trustee of the village corporation. He is a past grand of the I. O. O. F. Lodge of Smyrna. Mr. Lyon is a successful business man, a good citizen, and enjoys the confidence and esteem of the entire community.

FREDERICK EUGENE BARNARD, a retired merchant of Greene, and a scion of one of our country's oldest families, was born in the village of Cooperstown, N. Y., September 1, 1817.

The Barnard family was first represented in this country by three brothers, Robert, John, and Thomas, who with others formed a party of ten, that purchased Nantucket Island, in 1664. Prior to that date they lived in Salem, Mass. The family of Frederick Eugene Barnard is descended in a direct line from Thomas Barnard. Nathaniel Barnard, a son of Thomas, formed a matrimonial alliance with Mary, a daughter of Robert Barnard, and they reared John, the great-great-grandfather of our subject. John Barnard was united in marriage with Mary Macy, by whom he had a son, Robert. Robert Barnard, the great-grandfather of our subject, was the husband of Hepsibah Coffin, and they were the parents of Abishai, our subject's grandfather.

Abishai Barnard was a native of Nantucket Island, and was one of a party of sixteen men, who in 1784 came to the State of New York, and located at Hudson. They were the first settlers of that town and they formed a company that engaged in the whaling business, which was continued until 1855. Abishai was a member of that company until his death in 1815. His companion in life was Susanna Paddock, by whom he had five sons and five daughters, one of whom was Charles E., the father of our subject.

Charles E. Barnard was born in Hudson, N. Y., in 1792, and there spent his boyhood days. He learned the trade of a cabinet maker and followed it for some time in Cooperstown, N. Y. While there he made good wages and saved enough money to enable him to enter business in Rochester, but was there but a short time, when his store

burned down. He then returned to Cooperstown, and after remaining a short time moved to the village of Greene, where he embarked in the mercantile business in 1821. The store purchased by him was the first established store in the village. He conducted it until 1843, and with good results, when he retired in favor of his son, Frederick Eugene. In 1816, he was united in marriage with Laurinda Osborn, a daughter of Elnathan and Sally (Jarvis) Osborn of Cooperstown, and they reared seven children, five sons and two daughters. He passed into the unknown beyond at the age of fifty-nine years, and his wife survived him nineteen years, dying at the advanced age of seventy-eight.

It is a pleasant thing to be able to trace one's family record through long years of change and struggle and it is doubly pleasant when this record presents the lives of honest men and good women, such as we have just made mention of. Frederick Eugene Barnard, in whom the interest of this sketch centers, is well worthy to bear the name of this old and honorable family. He was reared in his native town and attended the public schools there, and later at Greene. He was ambitious and adventurous, and when nineteen years of age he left his parental roof and cast his fortunes with many other young men who sought a livelihood in New York City. He secured work and remained there for two years, when he returned home and succeeded his father in the ownership of his store in Greene. He was a shrewd business man and a successful manager, and in 1857 his financial position was such that he was able to retire and live his declining days in

the quiet of home life. He took his brothers into the business, and after teaching them its rudimental principles, he turned it over to them.

Mr. Barnard was joined in matrimony in 1840 with Jane Mullander of Geneva, N. Y., and they were the parents of one son, Frederick, a resident of Indianapolis. In 1868 Mrs. Barnard passed into the world of rest. His second union was with Mrs. Elizabeth Gray, and was consummated in 1873. Mr. Barnard is a good substantial citizen, interested in the welfare and growth of the county, and merits the recognition to his worth that is accorded him by the best citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Barnard are both members of Zion Episcopal Church, in which Mr. Barnard is choir master, having held that position for the past fifty-nine years. He has been warden for forty-six years, being senior warden for the past twenty-five years. Accompanying this sketch on a page in proximity is to be found Mr. Barnard's portrait.

R & L. E. CHASE, the leading law firm of Greene, Chenango County, N. Y., is composed of Lester Chase, one of the oldest and shrewdest members of the Chenango County Bar, and his son Lester E. Chase.

Lester Chase was born in Broome County, May 2, 1815, and is a son of Reuben and Laura (Waterman) Chase, and a grandson of Josiah Chase. Josiah Chase made his home in Bristol, Mass., until after his marriage, when he came to the State of New York and

settled in Worcester, Otsego County. He owned a large farm and was engaged mainly in agricultural pursuits throughout his life. Like many of the farmers of that day he kept an inn for the accommodation of travelers, who were obliged to make long journeys on horseback, and his home was a welcome resting place for many a weary stranger. He was the progenitor of a family of six boys and five girls, one of whom was Reuben.

Reuben Chase was reared in Worcester, Otsego County, and remained there until after his marriage, when he moved to Lisle, now Triangle, Broome County. His occupation was that of a farmer, which he followed all his life and with good results. His companion in life was Miss Laura Waterman, and they were the parents of the following children: Mary A., deceased, who was the wife of Sheldon Frost; and Lester, the elder subject of this sketch. Mr. Chase was a Jackson Democrat in his political belief, and although he was not an office seeker, when called upon to serve as supervisor, he faithfully performed his duties. Religiously, he was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, being an active worker, and for many years a class leader. His home was often used for religious gatherings, and the minister was always a welcome visitor. He was one of the good substantial men of the community, and he was well known throughout the county. His earthly career came to an end at the age of sixty-four years.

Lester Chase received his primary education in the common schools of his native town, after which he taught school several seasons, and in that manner earned enough

money to take a complete course in Oxford Academy. Upon the completion of his schooling, he studied law with Robert O. Reynolds, whose office stood upon the same spot where Mr. Chase's now stands. He also studied with Judge Robert Monell, and in October, 1840, was admitted to the bar at Albany, and was also admitted in chancery in New York City during the same month. Immediately, thereafter, he began the practice of his profession in the village of Greene, where he has since remained. As he was a man of superior natural ability, and had received the benefits of study with men of experience, he was qualified in every particular to take charge of the large clientage which soon became his. He is a man of superior legal mind, of remarkable energy and clearness of expression, and is indefatigable in the prosecution of anything he undertakes. He is logical, clear and forcible in all his arguments, and his knowledge of law and his evident honesty win the confidence of all, and carry conviction to the minds of his hearers. Since 1878, he has been associated in business with his son, Lester E.

In 1842, Mr. Chase was united in marriage with Mary A. Ringer, a daughter of John Ringer, of Geneva, N. Y., and they became the parents of one daughter, Catherine W., who is the wife of John C. Reynolds of Chicago. After his wife's death in 1848, he formed a second union with Catharine E., a daughter of David Hollenbeck of Greene, and one son, Lester E., has blessed their home.

Lester E. Chase was born in the town of Greene, June 2, 1852, where he was reared

and received his primary education in the common schools. He then attended a private military academy at Rochester, and later the Phillips Andover Academy at Andover, Mass. After leaving school, he began the study of law with his father and was admitted to the bar in 1878, and since that time has shared in his father's large clientage. He is a man of great force of character, possessed of a mind peculiarly adapted to the requirements of his profession, a close student and a keen observer. He has risen rapidly in his profession, and promises to become as popular as his father. In 1881, Lester E. Chase was united in the holy bonds of wedlock with Miss Attie M. Dennison, a daughter of J. D. Dennison of Greene. Socially, he is a member of the Eastern Light Lodge, No. 126, F. & A. M.

The firm, L. & L. E. Chase, has an established reputation, and as legal advisers are well known throughout Chenango County. The elder Mr. Chase has reached the advanced age of eighty-three years and still directs the affairs of the firm, but his son performs the more active duties. In political belief, they are unswerving Democrats.

HOLLAND Y. BURLINGHAM, an enterprising business man of Sherburne, who has been closely identified with the interests of the village, and who has done much to elevate her standing among her sister villages of the county, is a druggist and jeweler. He was born in Hartwick, Otsego County, N. Y., February 3,



WILLIAM H. SULLIVAN.

1862, and is a son of William and Catherine (Little) Burlingham.

William Burlingham was also a native of Hartwick, Otsego County, and was a prominent farmer and stock raiser. He was one of the good, substantial citizens of his time and was well and favorably known. His life companion was Catherine Little, who was born in England. She was a kind and loving wife, a devoted mother, and is one who is ready at all times to sympathize with and help others in their troubles, remembering that she, too, has had sorrows. Mr. and Mrs. Burlingham were the parents of seven children, namely: William Hopkins; Holland Y., the subject of this biography; John; Curtis; Mary; Josephine; and Annie. Our subject's father lived a long and useful life, passing away at the age of seventy-five years. Mrs. Burlingham is now living in Coopers-town, N. Y., and is enjoying remarkably good health for one of her years, being sixty-three years old.

Holland Y. Burlingham received his intellectual equipment for life's battle in the common and select schools of Hartwick. At an early age he began clerking in the general store of H. D. & S. L. Robinson, and remained in their employ for three years. He then traveled through the State of Pennsylvania selling small tables. In this manner he gained experience by contact with the world. He was ambitious and energetic, and spent only such money as was necessary. In time he saved enough to buy a jewelry and stationery store in Hartwick. It was a success from the start, and he continued at his stand for six years. Thinking Sherburne afforded

better opportunities for carrying on his business, he sold his store in Hartwick and transferred his business to the village of Sherburne. He purchased the jewelry store of A. C. Hartwell. He purchased the drug business of C. L. Easton in 1893, the year of bank failures, when a general cry went up complaining of hard times and inability to make a business pay. Mr. Burlingham proved that it could be done by diligent work and successful management. During that year of panics he established a large trade and realized good profits. He has since added a full stock of books and stationery to his store. Being a well read man he is able to choose those books that will meet with a ready sale. In politics, he is a Republican, but has many friends in both parties. For two years he served as chief of the fire department, and has been a member of that organization for the past five years. He is past grand master in the Norwich Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Mr. Burlingham was united in marriage with Annie V. D. Case, a daughter of De Witt C. Case, whose personal history we relate elsewhere in this book. Mr. Burlingham is a man who is still in the prime of life, and has a brilliant future before him.

WILLIAM H. SULLIVAN, a prominent young man of the village of Norwich, is following a meritorious career in the legal profession, and is making himself felt in town and county politics. Already, though a comparatively young man, he oc-

cupies the enviable position of leader of the Democrat County organization, and is a man of considerable influence and following. He was born in the town of Norwich, or North Norwich, May 25, 1869, and is a son of Patrick and Mary (Hill) Sullivan.


Patrick Sullivan was born in County Cork, Ireland, March 17, 1834, and received a good education in the parish school in his native place. He came to the United States in 1848, and located at New Berlin, Chenango County, where he followed the occupations of a farmer and a stone mason. He lived there some little time, and then moved to what was known as King's Settlement in North Norwich, where he followed his trade for ten years. He next located in Wood's Corners, town of Norwich, and lived there five years, in 1870 moving to a farm in North Norwich, where he resided until the close of his life, his death occurring May 18, 1891. He was a devout and earnest Catholic, taking a lively interest in the development of church interests throughout the county, and especially in the village of Norwich. He was a member of the first Catholic congregation in that village, and helped to organize St. Patrick's Catholic Church. He was a superior workman at his trade of stone mason, and for a considerable period was superintendent of masonry on the Utica Division of the D., L. & W. R. R. His political views coincided with those of the Democratic party. Six children gathered about his fireside, as follows: Julia M.; Michael H.; Annie, who married M. W. Dolan; Jane, the wife of Ed. Quinn; William H., our subject; and Mary L.

From the public schools William H. Sullivan advanced to the Norwich High School, from which he graduated in the class of 1889. He then read law in the office of Hon. George W. Ray, then Congressman from the district, but his legal education was begun while he was still a student in the school, for he occupied his spare time then in reading Blackstone. He was admitted to the Chenango County Bar in 1891, and in 1893 was chosen a member of the New York State Bar Association, of which body he is still a member; in 1891 he was also elected a justice of the peace of the town of Norwich; he was re-elected to the same position in February, 1895. He remained in Mr. Ray's office a short time after his admission to the bar, and opened an office for himself in January, 1892. In April, 1895, he took in Mr. Randall as a partner, and the firm of Sullivan & Randall has secured its portion of the legal business of the county.

Mr. Sullivan is perhaps best known over the county as a Democrat of prominence, whose activity is much appreciated in the circles of his party. In May, 1896, he was elected chairman of the Democratic County Committee, and has served as a delegate to four or five state conventions; in the convention that met in Buffalo in the fall of 1896 Mr. Sullivan was a member of the committee on Resolutions. He is a convincing and forcible speaker, and has been seen on the stump in advocacy of Democratic candidates and principles ever since he was of age. He has been the orator of the day on several holiday occasions. This being before the public eye has served him well in his professional

career, and has conspired to aid him in building up a large and lucrative practice, very flattering to his few years of experience. Besides having been justice of the peace continually from 1891 to the present time, he is also assistant police justice of the village of Norwich. Soon after beginning his public life, he was appointed a deputy in the State Comptroller's office, which position he held until the election of the Republican state ticket in 1893.

Mr. Sullivan was joined in marriage, June 25, 1895, with Miss Annie E. Conway, a daughter of the late Michael Conway, which union has resulted in the birth of one child, Katherine M. Mr. Sullivan is president of the Chenango County Firemen's Association, and is Deputy Grand Knight of the Order of Knights of Columbus. He is president of Alert Hose Company, No. 1. In St. Patrick's Catholic Church he is highly esteemed as a willing and active worker, and devout and loyal member; he is clerk auditor of the church. Mr. Sullivan has a bright career before him, and he has the best wishes of hundreds of friends, who have learned to like and admire this warm-hearted, generous and enterprising young citizen. Those who like to see a young man achieve success will do well to keep an eye on the gentleman whose name heads this brief biography, and whose portrait appears on a preceding page.

 TTO SMEADER, a leading hardware merchant and a prominent citizen of South New Berlin, is a son of Morris and Frances (Windsor) Smeader, and was

born in Baden-Baden, Germany, November 26, 1847.

His parents were both natives of Baden-Baden, Germany, and were married there; they reared a family of nine children, all of whom were born in that country. Morris Smeader emigrated with his family to the United States in 1853, and made his first permanent settlement in Oswego County, N. Y. He came here, like many others, hoping to better his financial condition and to procure a home for himself and family, and although he encountered many obstacles he succeeded in accumulating a competency, and at the time of his death was the owner of a fine and productive farm of 150 acres, with all modern improvements. His family consisted of nine children, who were as follows: Frances, the wife of Andrew Shillinger and a resident of Oswego County; Terressa, widow of the late John Brickheimer of Syracuse; Mary, deceased, was the wife of John Hush; Godfrey is a miner in California; Morris, a resident of Syracuse, N. Y.; Lewis, a resident of Syracuse; Otto, the subject of this brief biography; Florentine also resides in Syracuse; and Fred, who lives in California. Mr. Smeader died in 1872, aged seventy-three years. Mrs. Smeader passed from this life in 1875 at the age of seventy-five years.

Otto Smeader was but five years of age when his father emigrated to the United States, and he grew to manhood in Oswego County. He received a liberal education and left school at the early age of eighteen, and began the learning of the tinsmith trade in Syracuse. He followed the above trade

for five years, and in 1870 moved to the village of McDonough, where he followed his trade for ten years. In 1880, he came to South New Berlin, and engaged in the hardware business, and is doing a general job work in trade-tin roofing, plumbing, etc. He is the owner of the Smeader Block, in which he conducts his business, and which contains three other good store rooms; the second floor is a large hall, which is known as the Smeader Hall. He was one of the organizers of the South New Berlin Water Company, and is now its vice-president and a director. He was also one of the organizers of the Gas Company of that town, of which he is vice-president and a director. Politically he is a Democrat, and votes with his party honestly and conscientiously whenever opportunity offers. He has never sought office, but the willing, hearty votes of his fellow-townsmen have placed him in public position. He has been town clerk for a number of years. He is a member in good standing of the Baptist Church. Socially, he is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men. He was married in 1880 to Ella Brown, daughter of William L. Brown of McDonough, and two children have blessed their home: Anna Louisa, and Ada May.

Mr. Smeader's several business ventures, aside from becoming to him a source of great profit, have greatly assisted in augmenting the business of the city, and have been the means of giving employment to many men. By the generous and sensible distribution of his capital he has greatly aided in building up the business section of the village, and in this manner has become one of the most pop-

ular and valued citizens. He is systematic and methodical in his plans, and executes them promptly and to good advantage. His business qualifications are duly recognized by his fellow-townsmen, and are rated at their true value. His business is carried on in a straight-forward manner, and his goods are invariably just what they are represented to be. As a natural result he has customers from far and near, and he is on the highway to a competency, to enjoy which he may retire in later years.

ELIHU L. HICKOK, proprietor of the best livery stable in the village of Norwich, and one of its most popular and enterprising citizens, is a son of Harry F. and Esther A. (Gilbert) Hickok, and was born in the town of Butternuts, Otsego County, N. Y., June 8, 1850.

His grandfather, Horace J. Hickok, was a native of the State of Connecticut, and about the year 1800 came to Otsego County, where he married and was blessed with eight sons and five daughters. Later he moved to Norwich and purchased a large tract of land in the northwestern part of that village and extending across the Canasawacta on to the hill. After a time he exchanged this property with Theodore Miller for a farm on which was a plaster, saw and grist mill, located at Plasterville, in the town of North Norwich, all of which he successfully conducted until early in the fifties, when he returned to Butternuts, where he was instantly killed by falling from a load of bark, in 1861.



HARRISON L. BEATTY.

Harry F., one of the sons of Horace J. Hickok, spent his early years developing the soil of his father's farm. At the age of twenty-one he married, and after the birth of Helen M., now the wife of George H. Buell, of Plasterville, and Elihu L., the subject of this sketch, he moved from Butternuts to a farm in the town of New Berlin, where he remained for about two years, and then succeeded his father in the business at Plasterville. There two more children were born to him: Mary E., the wife of William Mason of Norwich, and Anna D., who married Smith W. Davis of Norwich, where they resided for a few years prior to removing to Oneida. Mr. Hickok was active in the construction of both the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, and the New York, Oswego and Midland railroads, and served as railroad commissioner for the town of North Norwich. In 1875 he moved to Norwich, and for a time held the office of commissioner of highways. He continued to reside in Norwich until his death, September 16, 1886, at the age of sixty-two years, his wife having died in 1882, at the same age, and both of apoplexy.

Elihu L. was the only son of Harry F. Hickok, and was educated in the district school at Plasterville, and at Norwich Academy. He assisted his father on the farm and in the mills at Plasterville until 1875, when they removed to Norwich, where he has since made his home. Here he engaged in teaming, and in 1886 was elected highway commissioner. At the expiration of his term, being especially fond of horses, he entered the livery business, and for five

years was the proprietor of the Eagle Hotel livery. In 1895 he opened the Park livery, which by enterprise and industry he has made one of the most complete in all its appointments for day and night service, and for funeral occasions, to be found in the county. Prompt, reliable, liberal in sentiment, and of pleasing address, he has won a deserved popularity. Politically, like his father and grandfather before him, he is a Democrat in his views and affiliations.

Mr. Hickok was married in Norwich, October 10, 1871, to H. Ione Skinner, who was born in the town of Sherburne, April 4, 1848. She was the only daughter of D. Barnes and Harriet Helen (Leonard) Skinner. Her father was born in the town of Sherburne, September 1, 1817, and died on the same farm, November 19, 1858. Her mother was born in Amsterdam, Montgomery County, N. Y., May 20, 1818, and died July 15, 1853, in the town of Sherburne. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hickok: F. Harry, May 13, 1873, in Plasterville; Leonard S., July 8, 1878, in Norwich; and Helen Ione, October 14, 1888, in Norwich, where she died, March 13, 1898.

HARRISON L. BEATTY. Among the brainy young men of the village of Bainbridge, Chenango County, N. Y., whose futures seem especially bright, there are few whom it would give us greater pleasure to give a place in this Book of Biographies than the gentleman whose name heads this short sketch. He is a son of William C.

and Mary Elizabeth (Baxter) Beatty, and was born October 1, 1870, in the town of Bloomfield, N. J.

The ancestors of our subject are of that sturdy Scotch race, but in 1817 the great-grandmother emigrated to the United States, where she lived a short time and then moved to Canada. She came to this country with five sons and three daughters. They were as follows: John; James; Frank; William; David; Margaret; Mary; and Esther. Of these David was the grandfather of our subject. The family moved to Canada, where they lived for a short time, when John was for a period president of the seminary at Colbury, a Methodist institution. David Beatty was born in 1798 at Fintona, County Tyrone, Ireland. He lived in the City of New York the greater part of his life, where he was engaged in mercantile business. He married Elizabeth Whaley of Canada, April 21, 1819, and they had three children born to them: James H., born May 27, 1820; Thomas, July 20, 1822; and William C., November 23, 1824. David Beatty died in the City of New York, May 1, 1879, at the advanced age of seventy-two years. Mrs. Beatty also died in the City of New York; both of them were buried in the Greenwood Cemetery of that city.

William C. Beatty, the father of our subject, was educated in the public schools of New York City, and then engaged in mercantile business in that city all his life. He was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Baxter, and they reared three children: William I.; Harrison L.; and a daughter, Ida M. William I. was born in Brooklyn, N. Y.,

January 18, 1863, and is now in the real estate and insurance business in Newark, N. J. He was joined in wedlock December 19, 1888, with Edith L. Mickens, and they have one child, Norman L., born July 16, 1891.

Harrison L. Beatty received his education in the public schools of Broomfield, N. J., and when he was ten years of age his parents moved to Newark, N. J., where he attended the schools until the death of his father, when he, his sister, and his mother moved to the village of Bainbridge, N. Y., where he remained in school until he was seventeen. He then entered the First National Bank of Bainbridge, of which his uncle, Joseph Bush, was vice-president, and remained in the employ of that institution until November 24, 1890, when he accepted a position with the Binghamton Trust Company of Binghamton, N. Y. April 1, 1892, he accepted a position with the Bank of Strong & Strong of Binghamton, N. Y., as cashier, and December 1, 1894, he resigned his position, and through the winter of 1894 and the year 1895, he took an extended trip throughout North and South America, touching Mexico, Central America, and the northern part of South America. Returning to his home in Bainbridge, N. Y., he assisted his uncle, Joseph Bush, in looking after his business interests in that village. He was made residuary legatee in the will of Mr. Bush, and upon that gentleman's death the old Bush homestead came into his possession. The old homestead is one of the best farms in the county, and consists of 235 acres, of which 100 acres is timber land. The farm is well stocked with a high grade of cattle,

and the buildings are all large and in first-class order.

In politics Mr. Beatty adheres to the Republican party, and never fails to cast his vote in favor of his chosen party. Religiously, he is an active and devoted member of the Episcopal Church. Socially, he is a member of the Susquehanna Lodge No. 169, F. & A. M. He early learned the value of time and applied efforts, and is proving a worthy successor to his uncle. In the management of the farm he shows rare skill and judgment, and in all business affairs he is keen, accurate and upright. On account of his pleasant social ways he has the friendship and esteem of all who know him. To his many friends the excellent portrait of Mr. Beatty on a page preceding this will have many attractions.

DANIEL M. HOLMES, a retired merchant of the village of Norwich, who is much respected by his fellow townsmen, was born in Stonington, Conn., November 7, 1818, and is a son of Daniel and Hannah (Chapman) Holmes, and a grandson of Thomas Holmes. For almost fifty years he was engaged in carrying on his business, which consisted in a trade in hardware. His business success kept pace with Norwich's development, so that he is in many respects a representative citizen of that village and town. His long residence would entitle him to that distinction if nothing else.

Thomas Holmes, the grandfather of our subject, was born and lived in Stonington,

Conn., where he spent his entire life engaged in agricultural pursuits. He did not regularly enlist and fight in the War of 1812, but helped, however, in the defense of Stonington, when it was attacked by the British. His first wife left him a family of four sons and two daughters, of whom Daniel, our subject's father, was the third son. His second wife bore him five sons and one daughter. Mr. Holmes died at the age of sixty-six.

Our subject's father was born on the old Holmes homestead at Stonington, Conn., and was reared and educated in his native town. When starting out in life for himself he rented a farm within a few miles of his old home and made it his home, and the scene of his labors until 1836, when he moved to Norwich, and engaged in farming on a tract of land he bought, located but a few miles from the village. He was a Democrat, politically, and favored the Baptist Church, when it came to church allegiance. He lived to be eighty-seven years old. His wife, who was Hannah Chapman of Voluntown, Conn., died at the age of seventy-one.

Daniel M. Holmes was the only child born to his honored parents. Although the educational advantages of that time were extremely meager, he succeeded very well in obtaining a first-class mental training, and fitted himself for teaching. He taught his first term of district school when he was but sixteen years old, and thereafter for ten winters and one summer he continued to preside at the teacher's desk. Meanwhile he was industriously working during the summers on his father's farm, for he was the only son, and his assistance was needed during the summer

when the work of haying and harvesting was great. He remained on the farm and taught school ten years, and then began to clerk in a dry goods store in the village of Norwich. He filled that position for about three years and a half, and then launched into the dry goods business for himself. After five years' connection with the merchandising of textile fabrics, he went out of the dry goods business and became a hardware merchant. In 1888 he gave up his business, for he had reached the age of three score years and ten, and he thought with good reason that it was time to retire from the active scenes of life, and enjoy the few remaining years allotted to him. Since then he has lived a very quiet, peaceful life, in which no discordant elements have blended to mar his happiness.

In 1848, Mr. Holmes was married the first time, on that date being joined in matrimony with Sarah L. W. Packer, daughter of James Packer of Norwich. She passed away at the age of sixty, leaving one son, Daniel P., who married Flora Cox, daughter of Charles Cox of Norwich. Our subject was married the second time, in 1895, to Mary S. (Thorp) Prindle, widow of Hon. E. H. Prindle. The family favors the Baptist Church. Mr. Holmes has always been a Democrat in his political views; he was sent to the New York State Assembly in 1875 from Chenango County, and served three years on the County Loan Committee. He served on the board of supervisors of Chenango County for six consecutive years during the War of 1861. He has taken a very lively interest in educational matters, and has given liberally of his time and means in behalf of the Norwich

schools. He has been a valued member of the board of education for the past twenty-three years, and has been chairman of the board for fifteen consecutive years. During all the time he has been on the board he has had entire charge of the school funds, and has received all the moneys, and disbursed all the funds. The Norwich High School is one of the best in the Empire State, and the three splendid new ward school buildings are matters of congratulation to every loyal citizen, and especially to the subject of this sketch, who was so closely connected with their erection and subsequent management. Mr. Holmes is a very generous, public-spirited man, and deserves a place among the very first of his townspeople, not only from his connection with the schools, but also by reason of his participation in every good work that arises. He is highly esteemed, and his counsel is listened to with attention on every occasion. He is a director of the Chenango National Bank, and is its vice-president.

EDWARD S. MOORE, editor and proprietor of the Chenango Union, at Norwich, N. Y., is one of the able writers of to-day, and has made a very creditable paper, which is liberally patronized, and a credit to the town. He was born at East Lyme, New London County, Conn., July 21, 1867. He is a son of Ezra and Juliette (Beckwith) Moore. His ancestor on his father's side came to this country in 1630, and settled in Connecticut, where he lived the rest of his life.

Edward S. Moore, at a suitable age, com-



SAMUEL M. ROBINSON.



MRS. SARAH A. ROBINSON.

menced his education in the district school, and, after graduating from the Bulkeley High School at New London, Conn., entered the Sheffield Scientific Department of Yale University, graduating with the degree of Ph. B. in 1888. While attending college he was one of the editors of the Yale Daily News, and after graduating engaged in the newspaper work in New Haven, Conn., being connected with the Morning News and Evening Union. Resigning his position in New Haven, he came to the village of Norwich in the fall of 1890, and purchased a half interest in the Chenango Union, then owned by Gilbert H. Manning. In 1895 he purchased the other half interest of Mr. Manning, and has conducted the paper alone ever since. He also has written for the monthly magazines. Although the Union is a pronounced Democratic paper, Mr. Moore refused to support Bryan in 1896, and conducted his paper in opposition to Free Silver.

In January, 1891, he married Miss Margaret Kelsey Strong of New Haven, Conn. The Chenango Union is one of the best papers in the county, and has a large circulation, and is devoted to the welfare of the village of Norwich and the surrounding country; it is of great value to advertisers, as it exerts a deep influence on the reading public as a reliable, newsy sheet.

SAMUEL METCALF ROBINSON, deceased, a life long resident of South Oxford, whose name is held in affectionate remembrance by his many

surviving friends, was a son of Jabez and Anna (Ten Brook) Robinson. He was a man possessing more than usual business ability, and was considered a very prosperous man. His character was irreproachable and forbade him to engage in any conduct that would sully it. He was a direct descendant of John Robinson, the clergyman, who came over to this country with the early Pilgrims.

Samuel Robinson, the grandfather, came to Oxford, N. Y., in 1800, from Connecticut, his native state. He engaged in farming and milling and became known as a most prosperous farmer, and one possessing considerable wealth. He was a recognized political leader, and a stanch supporter of the Democratic party.

Jabez Robinson, the father, was born in Lebanon, Conn., April 19, 1783, and came to Oxford in 1808. He entered the War of 1812, and was promoted to the rank of brevet Major. In 1834 he was elected sheriff of Chenango County, and discharged the duties in such a manner as to win the commendation of both parties. He was at first a Democrat, but joined the Republican party later, and was an important factor in the campaigns of his time. He was universally respected for the probity of his official acts, and the upright conduct of his private life. He was married to Maria Ten Brook, who died April 4, 1818, leaving three daughters,—Frances, who married Alvin S. Perkins of Oxford; Sarah died unmarried; and Mary, who married Calvin Wheelock of Pitcher, N. Y. Mr. Robinson then married Anna Ten Brook, a sister of his first wife, and

several children were born to them: Samuel M., whose name heads this biography; John W., deceased; Maria A., who married George Stratton of South Oxford; Rev. James A., deceased, who married Sarah Hale of Maine; Perez P., deceased; Jennie A., deceased, who married Tipton Bradford of Alabama; and Charles. Mr. Robinson died in 1864 at the advanced age of eighty-one years.

Samuel M. Robinson received his education in the old Oxford Academy, and after leaving school worked on the home farm and also engaged in the saw and grist mill business. His shrewdness and sagacity soon became apparent, and in a few years he was recognized as one of the foremost men of the county, as well as one of the most successful. He was a man of sterling integrity and had a reputation for honorable conduct and fair dealing, that was common not only in the immediate community, but wherever his name was known, an enduring monument to the worth of a noble man.

On February 22, 1848, he was united in marriage with a most estimable lady, Sarah A. Brown, a daughter of Thomas Brown of New Berlin, this state, the marriage being blessed by the birth of five children, whose names and places of residence are given below. Emogene, deceased, was the wife of Dr. Warren Scott of Cromwell, Indiana, and was the mother of one child, Frances M., who resides with her grandmother, Mrs. Robinson, at South Oxford. After the death of Mrs. Scott her husband was again married to a Mrs. Lulu Hunter of Lima, Ohio. Margaret W. is deceased. Mary J. was married

to Albert Tremaine of Greene. Sarah L., deceased, married Dr. De Witt Hitchcock of Whitestown, N. Y., and bore her husband four children, as follows: Samuel R., deceased; Emma F., deceased; Dewitt R., deceased; and John R. Frances A., deceased, married Edward Robinson of Greene. Mr. Robinson and his family were Universalists, and lived up to the broad teachings of that church, believing that we are expected to improve this life and make the most possible of it, lend a helping hand to any needy brother, and scatter sunshine to dispel the shadows that may darken the path, while we leave the future to the care of an all wise and loving Father. He held many offices of trust, such as supervisor, justice of the peace, road commissioner, etc., and discharged the duties faithfully and well. He died December 15, 1896, in the ripeness of age and the consciousness of a well spent life. He was seventy-six years old. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson adopted a child, Archer Robinson, when about four years old, who has remained with them twenty-seven years, and now has a half interest in the mill property. He was married to Clara Ives of Afton, and is an industrious, energetic young man, a credit to the community.

Thomas Brown, the father of Mrs. Robinson, was a prominent farmer and highly respected citizen of New Berlin. He was a man of sound judgment, and his advice was much sought by his neighbors, and always cheerfully given in the manner he thought would be productive of most good. He was a Free-Soiler, but finally allied himself with the Republicans, and held a number of town

offices, such as supervisor and justice of the peace. He was also elected from that district as a Member of Assembly. Mrs. Robinson is still a resident of South Oxford, where she has a host of friends. She is possessed of many admirable qualities, and is a woman of rare intelligence and pleasing address.

On another page of this work, in connection with this biography, appear companion portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, which add a decided value to the foregoing record.

JOHAN B. HARD, half owner and superintendent of one of the leading creameries of Chenango County, and deputy postmaster of Haynes, was born at Wells' Bridge, Otsego County, N. Y., March 20, 1874. He is a son of Amos J. and Margaret (Blower) Hard; the former was born in Catskill, Conn., and the latter in Butternuts township, Otsego County.

Amos Hard, the grandfather of our subject, was born in the State of Connecticut, and came to Unadilla, N. Y., in 1855. He at once turned his attention toward tilling the soil and followed that occupation all his life, becoming one of the well-to-do farmers of his section of Otsego County. In politics he was a Republican. He was the father of six children, namely: Julius; Ann; Adaline; Julia; and Amos. Religiously, he was a member of the Episcopal Church.

Amos J. Hard received a liberal education in the common schools of Connecticut, and at Unadilla Academy. He then carried on general farming on what is known as the

Hard estate until 1892, when he moved to Wells' Bridge and lived in retirement. He was one of the successful and enterprising farmers of his time, and an honor to his chosen occupation. Politically, he sided with the Republican party, and was honored by his fellow-citizens by being elected collector of taxes. He was joined in wedlock with Miss Margaret Blower, daughter of Isaac Blower, and they reared the following children: Marcia, the wife of Frank Moodey of Unadilla Centre; John B., the subject of this sketch; Edward S., who is employed at the milk station; and George, who is also employed at the milk station.

John B. Hard received his education in the Unadilla Academy, and upon leaving school he engaged in the cheese business at Guilford, where he remained for two years; he then worked for York & Brown three seasons, and on February 18, 1897, he was engaged to superintend the Haynes creamery, a position he has filled with satisfaction to the owners of the plant. The factory is one of the largest of its kind in the county, and has a daily output that in quantity approximates seven thousand pounds. The most of the produce is shipped to the City of Brooklyn. They also manufacture cottage cheese. In January, 1898, Mr. Hard, in company with his brother-in-law, A. H. Dresser, purchased the above creamery. They bottle about 2,500 bottles of milk per day and ship to Brooklyn. They also handle feed and coal and operate a grist mill. Mr. Hard is considered an expert butter and cheese maker, and his services have been sought for in various places. Mr. Hard was appointed postmaster of

Haynes in 1898, and assumed charge of the office on April 1. April, 1894, he was joined in marriage with Miss Alice J. Mott, daughter of Leroy Mott of Unadilla Centre. One child, Howard W., blessed their happy home. The family favors the Methodist Church.

H. H. NEWTON, the senior proprietor of Highland Home Poultry Farm, and extensive farmer of Greene, is a son of Dexter and Laurinda (Rowley) Newton, and was born in the town of Greene, September 17, 1834. His grandfather, Allen Newton, was an agriculturist of the State of Massachusetts.

Dexter Newton and his two brothers, Allen and Nathan, were prominent farmers of Greene, locating on Geneganstlet Creek in the early history of the town. Dexter followed farming all his life. He was united in marriage with Miss Laurinda Rowley, daughter of the late Charles Rowley, a farmer of Greene, who was a soldier in the War of 1812. They were the parents of nine children, five sons and four daughters: Saphronia, wife of Stephen Bennett; Aaron D., a fruit grower of Napa Valley, Cal.; Adelia, deceased; Charles, deceased; George, a farmer of Jackson County, Kansas; Caroline, wife of M. L. Hoyt; Albert, farmer of Jackson County, Kansas; Paulina, wife of Thatcher Joslin, a retired real estate dealer of Binghamton, N. Y.; and Helem H., our subject. They were members of the Baptist Church.

H. H. Newton was brought up on the farm, and received his education in the district schools. While still young, he learned the trade of a shoemaker, which he followed for a few years; he then became engaged in the daguerreotype business, and worked at it in Norwich, Mt. Upton, Unadilla and Walton for about two years. He then returned to Geneganstlet Corner, where he combined shoemaking and farming; this arrangement continued for a few years, when he finally gave up the business of shoemaking and turned his attention to the poultry and egg business. Commencing on a moderate scale, with a few fine birds, he has added to them and improved upon them, until it would be hard to find a larger assortment or a finer lot of birds in the country. He has a poultry yard of from 300 to 500 birds, of choice variety, being the originator of the following breeds: Rose Comb Black Minorcas; Rose Comb White Minorcas; also the Rose Comb White Face, Black Spanish, of which he has the entire stock. He was the first owner of White Leghorns in the town, and the first shipper to the New York fancy trade. He still has an extensive trade in that city, and his eggs and birds are shipped also to western points, so high is their standing. Mr. Newton still oversees the farm, but does not for that reason forget the care that is necessary to the successful raising of chickens. Indeed chickens—nice ones—are a hobby with him, and it would be well if all persons with hobbies would emulate Mr. Newton and make their pet theories of some practical use. The greatest care is taken in the selection of the birds for breeding, and



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they were awarded first premium wherever they were exhibited in 1897. One cockerel Mr. Newton refused to part with even at a consideration of \$50.00. Everything about the poultry houses shows the thought and attention that is given to the business. The incubators, brooders, and all the appliances are of the best, and most approved make. The chickens are all bright, lively looking birds, no droopy, sickly birds are to be seen, and a pleasanter way of spending a few hours could not be found than accompanying this gentleman or his genial son through their Highland Home Poultry Farm.

Mr. Newton was married July 3, 1855, to Miss Almira Canniff, daughter of Henry Canniff, formerly a farmer of the town of Greene. They are the parents of three children: Alice and Grace, both deceased; and Raymond, who married Donna Winchell of Greene, this county, July 21, 1897, and is a partner with his father in the chicken business. Mr. Newton is a member of the Eastern Light Lodge, No. 126, F. & A. M. of Greene, also of the Patrons of Husbandry. He has supported all the temperance organizations that have been in the town, lending his influence to the cause of right. He is a populist, but voted for William Jennings Bryan at the last election.

DEVILLO CORBIN CHURCH, deceased, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, was one of the most prominent and public-spirited citizens that ever lived in the village of Afton, and

identified himself with the leading business interests of the town and county. Throughout his long and prosperous career, his name was a synonym of financial integrity, and his word was ever considered a full and sufficient guarantee. As a member of the private banking firm of E. M. Johnston & Co., which has become since his decease Church & Hill, he was in touch with the most solid and enterprising institutions of the county, and retained the good will and high esteem with all with whom he was thus brought in contact. All his ventures were remunerative, for he directed them with superior judgment, and never risked his fortune in enterprises of a speculative or doubtful nature. The ample fortune he accumulated possessed no stigma of having been acquired by questionable or dishonest means; everything he did was open and above-board. Wise discrimination, scrupulous care, and a conservative spirit of enterprise characterized his whole business career. He did much for Afton, and was ready at all times to go to considerable expense in promoting some public work, if he could see that it would benefit the people at large, and help build up and make prosperous the town. He took an especially deep interest in educational affairs, and by his own endeavors placed the educational advantages of Afton equal to any and superior to most of the towns of the county. He was directly instrumental in securing the Afton Union School, which was one of the very first in Central New York. His townspeople hold his memory in great respect, and as long as the institutions and the enterprises with which he was connected shall still continue, his name will ever be remembered.

Mr. Church was a son of Levi and Ella (Works) Church, and was born on the old Church homestead in Afton township, which was formerly a part of Bainbridge, on the western side of the Susquehanna River. His death occurred in Afton, January 12, 1894. He grew to a sturdy manhood on the old homestead, and received exceptional educational training, being a graduate of Franklin Institute, and an especially apt scholar in mathematics. He taught school for a time in the town of Bainbridge, but was compelled to bring his labors in the pedagogical line to a close because of failing health. In 1851 he went to Eldorado County, Cal., and still later located in Placer County in the mining district, where all were occupied in an eager, zealous quest after the yellow metal. Mr. Church engaged in mining for the first time in the "dry diggins" below Auburn, and then went on America River to Rattle Snake Bar, a mining town of 1,000 inhabitants, that had grown in almost a night; there he became a very successful mining operator. He was also interested with Samuel Estabrooks, a blacksmith, and made considerable money in that business, getting large prices for everything, for manufactured articles and provisions were very costly in the early days of the gold excitement. Unlike many a miner of that day, Mr. Church found his way home again, returning to New York State in 1854. He did not remain at home long, but went to Iowa, where he engaged in civil engineering, locating and pre-empting claims for himself and others in the newer portions of that state. In 1856 he once more returned to Chenango County; this time it was to stay,

for he bought a portion of the homestead, and farmed on it until 1866, when he sold out, and moved to the village of Afton, there to enter upon a prosperous career in a larger field of usefulness. The first business he inaugurated was the lumbering business, in which he engaged with George Landers, under the firm name of Landers & Church; they put in circular saws in 1867 and made other important improvements that enabled them to do a splendid business until they brought it to a close in 1872. In 1866, Mr. Church purchased a lot of seven acres in Afton village, where in the following year he built a residence for himself, in which he lived until his death, and which his sons now occupy. In 1872, after quitting the lumbering business, he engaged in the manufacture of firkins and butter tubs, continuing to busy himself in that line for two years, with considerable profit. The following two years found him prosecuting the callings of a civil engineer and surveyor. In 1876, Mr. Church, with E. M. Johnston, organized a private bank in Afton; it was styled E. M. Johnston & Co., and had as its president Mr. Johnston, and as its cashier Mr. Church. This arrangement continued unchanged until Mr. Church's death in 1894. With James H. Nickerson, under the firm name of Nickerson & Church, our subject in 1880 erected the first creamery and cheese factory in his part of the county; this concern the partners continued to operate until Mr. Church's decease. In 1885, the subject of this history purchased the Joslin creamery, which he also ran until his death. In 1887 he built the Grove creamery, which he operated for four years, and then sold out.

In 1882 Mr. Church erected a steam saw-mill in Afton village and made of it a very paying investment, for he was thus able to supply the builders with native lumber at moderate prices. He helped to organize and was one of the first to subscribe for stock in the Afton Driving Park and Agricultural Association, which became an assured reality in 1890.

Mr. Church married Augusta A. Landers, January 19, 1856; two sons, Fred and George L., now survive him. Our subject was always an active and loyal member of the Democratic party. He was supervisor one term, and was a member of the board of school trustees when Afton secured its Union School. Socially, he was a Mason. In all the walks of life he counted his friends by the score, and it is needless to state that his removal from the fields of his diversified labors was the occasion of sincere regret and sorrow to more than one. Afton has cause to remember him as her benefactor, as well as one of the most prominent men that has ever done business within her borders.

The sons of our subject, under the firm name of Church Brothers, operate all their father's interests left in their hands at his death. When Fred and George L. Church succeeded to his interests in the private banking house of E. M. Johnston & Co., that solid financial institution was completely re-organized, Mr. Johnston selling his interests to Mr. M. G. Hill, who was elected president; George L. Church assumed the place his father had filled so many years, that of cashier; while Fred Church became vice-president. The bank, through all its history of twenty-two years, has withstood all the pres-

sure of the panics and other monetary misfortunes that have menaced its welfare, and is to-day one of the strongest, most solid and successful banking houses of Chenango County. A general banking and exchange business is done all over the country, and collections are made in every quarter of the continent. The success with which the private banking house of Church & Hill is meeting is the direct result of careful dealing and equitable treatment of all who come under the title of patron.

Fred Church, the oldest of our subject's sons, was born in Afton, June 23, 1860, and obtained his education in the Union School of that town. Leaving school at the age of twenty, he became associated with his father in business, and assisted him in managing and caring for all his large interests till the death of our subject, when Fred and his brother took charge of the business. In political belief he is a Democrat, and in 1898 was elected supervisor of the town of Afton.

George L. Church was born May 4, 1863, in Afton, and attended the Afton Union School. When seventeen years of age he entered the bank, and for eighteen years was in the banking business, fourteen years as assistant cashier or cashier. He has ever taken a lively interest in village and town affairs, and has been honored by his fellow-citizens with several offices of trust and responsibility. He has been town clerk, and was appointed by Comptroller Frank Campbell as an examiner of the trust funds of Chenango County in 1893. In 1894 he filled the office of president of the village corporation of Afton. He is a member and past master of

Afton Lodge No. 360, F. & A. M.; Vallonia Chapter, No. 80, R. A. M. of Afton, N. Y.; Norwich Commandery, No. 46, Knight Templars of Norwich, N. Y.; Otseningo Bodies, Ancient and Accepted Order of Scottish Rite Masons of Binghamton, N. Y.; and Ziyara Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Utica, N. Y. He is also a member of Calumet Tribe, No. 174, Improved Order of Red Men of Afton, N. Y., of which he is a charter member of first C. of R. Mr. Church was married in 1890 to Charlotte A. McWhorter of Ithaca, N. Y., and has these two children: Helen Landers, born July 20, 1892; and Devillo Corbin, born March 29, 1897.

GEORGE W. BROOKS, the genial proprietor of the popular Palmer House, the leading and best patronized hotel of the village of Norwich, was born in the town of his present residence, March 2, 1841, and is a son of Otis R. and Anna (Cady) Brooks.

The father of Otis R. Brooks was of French extraction, and made his living on the high seas as a captain of a sailing-vessel. Nine children comprised the family that his wife brought into the world to him. Otis R. Brooks was born in the State of Rhode Island, where he married his first wife, Miss B. E. Smith, in November, 1831. He came to Norwich, Chenango County, in 1835, and engaged in the grocery business, in which he was identified with considerable profit to himself for five years. He then ran a dray in Norwich for a time, and later moved on a

farm in the same town, where farming continued to be his occupation until he was forced to lay down his labors at the approach of death. His life terminated December 30, 1879. He was originally a Whig and then a Republican in his politics. His first wife bore him one daughter, Louisa, who married Willis Dexter, and died January 18, 1870. On February 5, 1839, several years after locating in Norwich, Mr. Brooks married the lady who became our subject's mother. Three children resulted from this union, as follows: George W., of whom this sketch is written; Betsey, born November 23, 1845, and died September 21, 1849; and Emma P., born February 18, 1851, who married Palmer Edwards, and died in the prime of her young womanhood, November 10, 1879. Our subject's mother completed her life's pilgrimage July 5, 1897, being over eighty years of age. Otis R. Brooks was a good, law-abiding citizen, with a liking for the domestic comforts of home, with a deep concern for the members' welfare, and a regard toward the education and proper training of the children.

George W. Brooks, after leaving school, learned the carpenter's trade as an apprentice in the shop of Gurdon Bowers, being with him one year. He then became an employee of the bridge and building department of the O. & W. R. R., and after being with the company two months he was made a gang foreman, in which position he continued until the expiration of one year's service, when he was made division foreman. After nine years as division foreman, during which time he had carefully husbanded his means and laid up a considerable competency,

he rented the Palmer House in Norwich, and after running it with success for three years he bought it outright, and continued to cater to the physical wants of the traveling public until 1892, when he leased it on favorable terms. In 1897, circumstances arose that compelled him to take the caravansary back on his hands. He caused the hotel to be refitted and furnished anew throughout, and has built up once more an enviable patronage, that is flattering alike to the methodical way in which the hotel is run, the neat and tasty appearance of the rooms, both public and private, and the excellent cuisine, for which the Palmer House is noted. Mr. Brooks has also been interested in the show business, and is even now, with his son-in-law, Mr. Curtis, engaged in managing a show that is on the road. In the late war, Mr. Brooks took an honorable part, and fought valiantly for the Union. He enlisted in the army in 1861, soon after the firing on Fort Sumter, and served three years, taking part in many battles, and being wounded once. During all his three years of active service, he was in the hospital but one week.

Mr. Brooks entered the married state on January 9, 1866, the nuptial ceremony being celebrated on that date that bound him and Julia Snow, daughter of John Snow, in the indissoluble bonds of matrimony. Their only daughter, Ada M., married H. A. Curtis. Mr. Brooks has many friends in the town and county, for he has those companionable traits of character that gain for a man the esteem and good-will of his acquaintances. He is an active member of the Republican party, and has been on three different occa-

sions elected to the presidency of the village corporation. He has been an under sheriff of Chenango County for three years. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men. He is a Mason of prominence of the thirty-second degree, being a member of Norwich Lodge, No. 302, F. & A. M.; Chapter No. 151, R. A. M.; Commandery No. 46; and Ziyara Temple of the Mystic Shrine of Utica, N. Y.

REV. CHAUNCEY DARBY, of the village of Greene, has been engaged in the blessed work of the Master since 1839, preaching and ministering a considerable portion of this period to the spiritual needs of his flock in the Baptist Church at Greene, this county, where he now lives in retirement. We take great pleasure in presenting the salient points of his life, adding to such an account whatever other facts of interest present themselves to us, which will enlist the attention and consideration of those who chance to read this volume. Rev. Mr. Darby was born in the town of Homer, now Cortland, Cortland County, N. Y., February 14, 1816, and is a son of Joseph and Asenath (Tylor) Darby, both of whom were born in the State of Connecticut.

Eleazer Darby, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Connecticut; attaining his manhood, he moved to the State of New York and located in the town of Homer, where he spent his life, actively engaged in the tilling of the soil. He cleared the timber in the forest, cultivated the land thus im-

proved, labored there and remained until the time of his death. Religiously, he was an able worker of the Baptist Church.

Joseph Darby, the father of our subject, was one of the older children born to this sturdy and courageous old gentleman and his wife. He was reared in the State of Connecticut, and received a liberal education for those times. After his marriage to Miss Grow he moved to the town of Homer and became actively engaged in farming, which was his sole occupation throughout his life. His perseverance was remarkable. Amidst a deep forest he planned and developed a fine farm. In politics he was a Whig, and took a prominent part in local affairs, and was elected coroner of Cortland County, the duties of which office were faithfully and honestly discharged. Mr. Darby was an Anti-Mason man and was opposed to any secret organization. He was twice united in marriage. To his first wife, Miss Grow, three children were reared, namely: Dilly, Lyman and Thomas. After the death of his first wife, he married a Miss Tylor, who was born in Connecticut, and they reared a large family of children, of whom six lived to maturity. They were as follows: Ann; Joseph; Lucius; Chauncey, the subject of the sketch; Asenath; and Edwin. The father of our subject was an active and consistent member of the Baptist Church, and supported the church of that denomination in the village of Cortland. He passed to the world of rest about 1836, at the age of sixty-two years. Mrs. Darby joined her husband about 1852, aged seventy-two years.

Rev. Chauncey Darby received his ele-

mentary training in the schools of Homer and at Homer Academy. He then pursued the theological course, and was graduated from the Hamilton Literary and Theological Institution. In 1839 he was licensed to preach, and was installed as pastor of the Baptist Church at Greene the same year. Later he was called to Binghamton to fill the vacancy in the First Baptist Church and remained there five years. Mr. Darby was a very fluent and convincing speaker, and brought home to the hearts of his hearers the blessed truths to be found in the life of Christ, outlining their duty to God forcibly and distinctly. Not alone in the pulpit did his ability show forth in the best light, but also in bringing before each repentant sinner the plan of a personal salvation, free to all who would accept it. He was also interested in home and foreign missionary work, and went to great pains to keep himself and his people well informed as to the needs and the progress in the various fields. Our subject returned to the village of Greene, where the services were held in blacksmith shops and in a grocery store until the church was built, which was in 1843. Now they have a congregation of over 250 members. Mr. Darby has presided in the pulpits at McGrawville, Cortland and several other villages, where he assisted in the building of a house of worship for each congregation. Later he went to Marion, N. Y., where he remained a short time, when he went to the State of Iowa, where he preached at Fairfield and later at Ottumwa. After spending eleven years preaching in St. Joseph, Mo., he moved to Philadelphia, whence he retired to his



CHARLES HENRY MERRITT.

former home, Greene, where he now enjoys a well earned rest.

In 1839 Mr. Darby was joined in matrimony with Miss Mary A. Short, daughter of Hammond Short of Homer. Their family consists of the following children: Charles H. and Edwin T. Charles H. married the widow of Bishop Hawks of St. Joseph, Mo., who was a popular bishop in the Episcopal Church. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Darby was born one child, Ada. Edwin T. was joined in marriage with Miss Carrie Thomas, of Galesburg, Ill., and they are the happy parents of four children, namely: George B.; Frances T.; Ethel; and Marian. Mr. and Mrs. Darby celebrated the fifty-eighth anniversary of their marriage in 1897. They show in their daily lives the beauty of the teachings of the Gospel. They have, as they deserve, the good will and cordial friendship of the entire community in which they live, and their record through life is one of which their children may well be proud.

CHARLES HENRY MERRITT, deceased, was born on the 11th day of August, 1814, and during his long and useful life knew no other home than Norwich. He was a direct descendant from old Revolutionary stock, the names of both his parents, who came from Eastern New York, being familiar and favored ones in the public affairs of the Hudson River counties of Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, and Westchester, from long before the War of the Revolution down to this day. Mr. Merritt was a

son of Stephen S. Merritt and Hannah Purdy, daughter of Abner Purdy. Stephen S. Merritt settled in North Norwich, then a part of the town of Norwich, in the year 1795. Back through these honored ancestors, the subject of this sketch was able to trace his lineage to the sturdy and heroic settlers of the historic region of the Hudson for more than one hundred years.

Charles H. Merritt was born at a time and in a community that knew few idlers. The children of that day were accustomed to acquire, almost in their infancy the faculty of taking care of themselves. Inheriting a goodly amount of the sterling integrity of his forefathers, Mr. Merritt early assumed large responsibilities, and at the age of twenty one embarked in the mercantile business in his native town. A few years later he engaged himself as collector for a firm at Darien, Georgia, making the trip to that place on horseback, and remaining in the South in the above capacity in the neighborhood of a year. Upon his return to the North, he settled in Norwich, and the remainder of his life was spent in that village. In 1862, Mr. Merritt purchased a quarter interest in the David Maydole hammer factory, and thereafter, until his death, he made the extension and success of this business his especial object and care. From the time of his entrance into the concern, the effect of his cautious, far-seeing and honest judgment, acquired through years of careful and extensive business experience, was felt with advantage and profit. During the twenty-five years that marked his connection with the hammer factory, its products became known and used

in all portions of the world. Devoting to this industry his whole time, strength and energy, to him much of this marvelous success was due. On the incorporation of the David Maydole Hammer Company, in January, 1890, although in poor health at the time, Mr. Merritt was made its first president. His mind was an eminently practical one, and he retained the direction of the affairs of the company until his death, which came to him October 12, 1890, undesired, yet not unexpected. He spent the last summer of his life in the enjoyment of family and social intercourse. The funeral services were held from his palatial home, and were largely attended by the citizens of the village and by sympathizing friends and acquaintances. The business places were closed in his honor, and the members of the Democratic County Committee attended in a body. The operatives in the factory turned out, and in one company marched to the house, where for the last time they looked upon the face of their beloved employer. Tears, scarcely restrained, bore eloquent testimony to their love and affection for one with whom they had been associated so long.

Mr. Merritt's known business ability and careful management were rewarded by the accumulation of a considerable fortune. In 1862 he was united in marriage with Cornelia E. Maydole, daughter of David Maydole, and with his wife and two daughters, May and Nettie, he established a beautiful home on North Broad Street, within whose circle his friends were always made heartily welcome. In his home he was always at his best. Sharing confidences and business cares with his

wife, whose advice he greatly valued, and always thoughtful of the wishes and feelings of his family, he never was known to address them with an unkind or harsh word. Within the sacred precincts of home he was all kindness, generosity and forbearance.

While most men are distinguished by some particular trait of character alone, Mr. Merritt was possessed of many. All were so happily balanced, so harmoniously blended, as to form a combination of virtues, which, coupled with a natural fund and appreciation of humor, made his friendship deemed a privilege and an honor, and his society a pleasure. He was public-spirited to a large degree, and his influence in village and town affairs was great. He was most liberal in his support of all improvements, tending to advance and beautify the village of Norwich, and his advice and counsel were often sought by others than his business associates. He gave liberally to the churches, and was an ardent supporter of the educational institutions of the town. Politically, Mr. Merritt was a Democrat, never seeking office, but earnestly and liberally supporting his party's nominees. His was a life of honesty and integrity; "He was an honest man."

By his employees he was especially beloved. To them he was ever obliging, sympathetic and generous; always ready to grant a favor, or to assist in time of need. None came to him for assistance but found a friend. These acts of kindness were performed, as were his numerous charities, so quietly and unostentatiously that few outside his home knew of them. He was a great favorite with the young people who came his

way, and an especial one with the children. He was ever thoughtful of the many little pleasantries that win a child's heart, and they all knew him as their friend.

Physically, Mr. Merritt was a noble specimen of manly strength and vigor. Standing a little over six feet in height, with broad shoulders, a well-proportioned body, dignified bearing, and a head and face of striking and benevolent appearance, his was one of the noblest types of manly beauty.

Upon the death of Mr. Merritt, his varied business interests were left in charge of his wife. Mrs. Merritt has since conducted them with an ability and discretion well worthy so able and successful an adviser as her late husband. To every citizen of Chenango County, and especially to those of Norwich, the portrait of Mr. Merritt, appearing on a preceding page in connection with the foregoing life narrative, will prove of great interest.

REV. GEORGE G. PERRINE, the esteemed rector of the Christ Church of Guilford, was born at Lyons, Wayne County, N. Y., December 24, 1838. He is a son of William D. and Lucinda S. (Kendig) Perrine, and a grandson of Peter Perrine.

The Perrine, or Perrinn, as it was originally spelled, family is of old French Huguenot stock. Henry Perrinn and his brother, Daniel, came to America in 1685 to escape the persecution that followed the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, by Louis XIV of

France. Henry, the paternal ancestor of our subject, settled on Staten Island, where he was married and reared four sons, namely: John; Henry; Peter; and Daniel. Peter Perrine, our subject's great-great-grandfather, located in Cranbury, Middlesex County, N. J., and there married Margaret Day, who came from a well known New Jersey family. They reared a family of fifteen children, the seventh of whom was William, the great-grandfather of our subject. William Perrine was a soldier of the Revolutionary War and served in the 3rd Reg., Middlesex Militia, under his brother, Capt. Peter Perrine.

Peter Perrine, the son of William and Hannah (Mount) Perrine, was one of the pioneer settlers of Lyons, Wayne County, N. Y. His mother was a daughter of Matthias Mount, the grandfather of Judge John Bailey Mount of Heightstown, N. J. Peter was a farmer and builder by trade and was well known as a man of great physical strength. He was 1st lieutenant and later captain in Col. Swift's regiment of militia from 1806 to 1814, and took part in the War of 1812. He was united in marriage with Ann Duncan, and they reared seven children.

William D. Perrine was the oldest son born to his parents and first saw the light of day at Lyons, October 20, 1812. He was a jeweler and watchmaker, conducting a store in the village of Lyons, where he was well patronized. He took an active interest in public affairs and did all within his power to promote the condition of the community, socially, morally, and religiously. He was bound in the holy bonds of wedlock with Lu-

cinda S. Kendig, a daughter of Martin and Leah (Bear) Kendig, a family of high standing in Waterloo, N. Y. Four children blessed their union, namely: Annie G., the relict of the late N. B. Mirick of Lyons; George G., whose name heads these lines; Eugene D., who enlisted in the army in 1861, but before his regiment went to the front he contracted a fever and died at home; William N., deceased, was freight agent of the Erie R. R. at Buffalo; and Duncan K., an employee of the freight department of the Erie R. R. in New York City. Politically, Mr. W. D. Perrine was formerly an old time Whig, but after the organization of the Republican party, he actively supported the principles of that party. He was president of the village corporation for a number of years. Religiously, he was a member of the Episcopal Church and contributed liberally toward the support of that organization. He belonged to the Agricultural Association and acted as president of the society for a number of years. His long and useful career came to an end April 14, 1884.

Rev. George G. Perrine, after having completed the course required in the Union School at Lyons, entered Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., graduating in 1861, and receiving the degree of A. M. in 1865. Immediately thereafter, he became a student in the Episcopal Theological Seminary in New York City, and graduated in 1865. He was ordained a deacon in Calvary Church in New York City, June 2, 1865, and received priest's orders from Bishop Coxe at Grace Church in Utica, N. Y., May 27, 1866. His first charge was at Aurora, Cayuga County, N. Y.,

where he remained for three years. August 8, 1868, he accepted the rectorship of St. John's Church of Oneida. Remaining there until May 1, 1873, he became rector of St. John's Church of Cape Vincent, keeping that charge until September 1, 1880. For the following twelve years he officiated as rector of the churches at Thursa and Redwood. October 1, 1892, he was installed as rector of the Christ Church at Guilford, and has presided over that charge since. He is a man of great power, of exceptional organizing ability, and merits the esteem in which he is held; he is popular among all classes, the rich and the poor, the old and the young, for he always has a friendly greeting ready for every one, and ever looks on the brightest side of life.

December 20, 1861, our subject was united in marriage with Mariah L. Hamblen, a daughter of the late Rev. Lemuel Hamblen of Geneva, N. Y., and they became the parents of five children, whose records are as follows: Edward E. was born at Lyons, January 9, 1865, and is superintendent of the Gilson Asphalt Company of Kansas City, Mo.; William D., who was born January 27, 1867, and died in Guilford, November 22, 1896, was in the employ of the Gilson Asphalt Company; Bessie L., who was born July 9, 1870, and died in Buffalo November 20, 1895, was the wife of J. Reynolds, a son of Judge James Reynolds of Brockville, Ontario, Canada; and two other children who died in infancy. Mrs. Perrine entered the world of rest, May 5, 1890. Mr. Perrine's second union was with Miss Mary Ellen Smith, only daughter of M. H. Smith of Redwood.



IRVING L. RICHER.

IRVING L. RICHER. Conspicuous among the leading business men of Chenango County is the subject of this biography, who owns and operates a large flour and feed store in the village of New Berlin, and is interested in many other enterprises in that thriving community. He is an active and energetic man, and is a good example of what constant effort, constantly directed, can in a short time accomplish.

He is a son of Nicholas and Ann F. (Whitmore) Richer, and a grandson of John Richer. Nicholas Richer, the great-grandfather of our subject, came from Berlin, Rensselaer County, in 1800, engaged in agricultural pursuits, and spent most of his life in the town of Columbus, Chenango County, where he died, November 1, 1829, aged fifty-eight years. His son, John Richer, was born in the town of Columbus, and like his father followed farming as a means of earning a competency. He lived a long and useful life, dying in 1883, at the age of eighty years. He was bound in the holy bonds of wedlock with Juliana Lottridge, who came from one of the oldest and best known families in the county, and they became the parents of six children, two sons and four daughters.

Nicholas Richer, the father of our subject, an elderly gentleman, who is one of the prominent citizens of New Berlin, has done much toward that village's development, and has been closely identified with its leading interests; he is in affluent circumstances, a result he secured by hard work and excellent foresight. He was born in the town of Columbus, in April, 1826. He had the ordinary school advantages, which he improved

to the best of his ability, distinguishing himself then among his school mates, as he did afterwards among his associates in business, by a fixedness of purpose and general earnest bearing that proved most valuable to him in all his varied career. He has followed farming all his life, but thirty years of his time were devoted mainly to butter and cheese manufacturing. He began in rather a small way, operating a cheese factory in the town of Columbus. As the demand for his cheese became greater, he built new and larger factories, and at one time was operating fourteen, having an enormous output. These factories were located at Columbus, Brookfield, Edmeston, and Bridgewater. He was also partner in a general store, conducted in Columbus. Since 1891, he has made his home in New Berlin with his son. He has accumulated considerable wealth and is an extensive land owner. He owns six large farms in Chenango County, and all are in the highest state of cultivation. Mr. Richer's well-deserved success in life was what might have been expected from a man who combined an unusual amount of energy with a certain amount of conservativeness, that never led him to indulge in excesses or in untried projects. He was a hard worker in legitimate channels, and deserves, if ever man does, the high respect which is almost universally accorded him. He was united in marriage with Ann F. Whitmore, and they became the happy parents of one son, Irving L., the subject of this personal history.

Irving L. Richer was born in Columbus, November 21, 1858, and was intellectually equipped for life's battle in the common

schools, and in New Berlin Academy. He also took a complete course in Eastman's Business College, graduating from that institution in 1878. Upon leaving school he engaged in general merchandising in Columbus, and continued in that line of business until 1886, when he came to the village of New Berlin. He then began the handling of flour and feed. This business, which Mr. Richer is still conducting, was formerly operated by Church, Morgan & Co., in 1870. It then went into the hands of Morris Bros. & Kimball. Later Mr. Richer purchased Morris Bros.' interest, and two years later purchased the Kimball interest. Since that time he has conducted the affairs on his own account. It was the first business of the kind established in New Berlin. He also handled coal, plaster, cement, etc., and with good results. He conducts a cold storage, and employs from four to ten men the year around. He identified himself with all the interests of his adopted city, and it was mainly through his efforts that the New Berlin Light & Power Company was organized in 1889. He has acted as a director and manager since its organization, and the prosperous condition of that plant demonstrates his ability to fill that office. He is one of the directors of the New Berlin Opera House, and also holds a fourth interest in the Norwich Produce Co. Besides his store in New Berlin, he also conducts branch stores in South Edmeston and West Edmeston, in which he carries a line of flour, feed, etc. Mr. Richer has attained his present prosperity in the way open to all by hard work and persevering endeavors, and he is eminently deserving of greater

good fortune. We find just such men in the front ranks of every business and in every community, whose success has been independent of another's assistance.

He was united in marriage, June 21, 1882, with Elvira D. Wilcox, a daughter of Lewis Wilcox of New Berlin, and they have reared three children, namely: Winifred L.; Marjorie; and John I. He is a Republican in his politics, and has been supervisor of New Berlin for two terms, also town clerk of Columbus for two years. He is popular and companionable, and counts his friends by the score. In his business dealings he is distinguished by square and honest methods, and has conscientious scruples against taking the least advantage of anyone with whom he may chance to have business. In the community at large he is known as one of the best of citizens, whose every endeavor has been to bring about needed improvements, to elevate the moral tone, and keep it fixed on a high standard. Mr. Richer's portrait appears on a preceding page in connection with this sketch.

MON. HARVEY A. TRUESDELL is one of the prominent business men of Mount Upton, having been closely identified with the business interests of the village since 1871. He is a son of George A. and Rhoda (Richmond) Truesdell, and was born in the village of Rockdale, town of Guilford, Chenango County, October 22, 1849.

Ransom Truesdell, the grandfather, came with his young wife to the town of Butter

nuts, Otsego County, in 1800, and was one of the first settlers of that section. He was born either in Rhode Island or Connecticut, and there contracted marriage with Miss Sarah George, by whom he had the following children: George A.; Rhoda, who was a teacher for a number of years and afterwards married a Mr. Gadsby, late a farmer of Butternuts; Cyrus, deceased, a carpenter and joiner and later a merchant of Westville, Oneida County; Harriet, deceased; Elisha, deceased, a farmer of Butternuts; Sarah, a teacher in the public schools, died at the age of twenty-four; and Harvey, a real estate dealer and broker of La Porte, Ind.

George A. Truesdell was born on his father's farm near Gilbertsville, Otsego County, in February, 1801. He was educated in the academy of that village and spent several years in teaching in the old Morris Academy. In 1835 he moved to Rockdale, where he purchased a tract of land of 340 acres, and devoted the remainder of his life to farming, gaining quite a reputation as a successful agriculturist. He was also prominent in local politics. He was a Whig and later a Republican, and at different times filled nearly all the local offices. He was justice of the peace for a number of years, and while serving as school commissioner he did all in his power to advance the cause of education. He was a man of wide experience and more than ordinary executive ability, and, in addition to his farming, carried on a number of other enterprises. He was at one time connected with Almon Trask in the manufacture of linseed oil, and also operated the bedstead factory at Rockdale

for some years. He was one of the organizers of the Rockdale Creamery, now one of the most important manufacturing establishments of the place. He was a communicant of the Presbyterian Church, but about the year 1870 he moved to Latham Corners, where he became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he was an earnest worker up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1881. He was twice married; his first wife was Rhoda Richmond, daughter of Joseph Richmond, a farmer of the town of Norwich. This marriage resulted in the birth of four sons and two daughters: Joseph, a physician of Hornellsville, N. Y., where he died in 1893, at the age of sixty years; Ransom G., a farmer on the homestead at Rockdale; J. E., a broker of Minnesota; Mary, who married Oliver C. Bently; Nancy, widow of Berrian Fish, residing in San Francisco, Cal.; and Harvey A., our subject. George A. Truesdell was widely known as a mathematical scholar, and for his knowledge in the points of common law, two accomplishments that caused him to be in frequent demand by his friends who regarded his opinions as indisputable. Joseph Richmond, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was also a man of recognized business ability and met with unusual success in his undertakings. He was one of the first settlers of the town of Norwich, where he took up a large tract of land which he cultivated, while at the same time he owned and operated the Rockwell Mills for a number of years.

Harvey A. Truesdell was reared on the farm and received his educational training in the Cazenovia Seminary and Norwich Acad-

emy. After leaving school he spent the following four winters in teaching, and then moved to Mt. Upton, where he and a Mr. Brown opened a hardware store, under the firm name of Truesdell & Brown. They continued this business for two years, when Mr. Brown sold his interest in the store to a Mr. Rood, and the business was carried on for one more year under the name of Truesdell & Rood. At the expiration of that time Mr. Truesdell sold out to his partner and became the agent for the N. O. and W. R. R. at Mount Upton, a position he continued to fill for thirteen years. He was interested during this time in coal, and at length resigned his agency with the railroad to engage in the flour, feed, grain and coal trade. He had a partner in the person of F. S. Converse, and for five years they conducted the business under the name of Truesdell & Converse. Since that time Mr. Truesdell has operated the stand alone, having bought out the interest of Mr. Converse. He is a very energetic and industrious man, and carries a full stock of supplies, such as are usually found in a store of that description. He is a very popular man and enjoys a good trade. Besides his store he owns a fine farm of 162 acres in the town of Butternuts, Otsego County.

Mr. Truesdell was married in December, 1873, to Ruby Chamberlain, daughter of C. Y. Chamberlain, whose biography appears elsewhere in this book. The one child born to this union died in infancy, and Mrs. Truesdell died also April 18, 1879. In 1881 he was once more united in wedlock, the lady being Anna Babcock, daughter of Hobart Babcock, a merchant of the town of New Berlin. Mrs.

Truesdell lived less than one year after her marriage, leaving an infant son, Hobart, who is still living. On October 30, 1884, Mr. Truesdell formed another matrimonial alliance with a most estimable lady, Nellie M. Davis, daughter of C. S. Davis of Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Truesdell are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he holds the office of steward. He is a strong Republican and has represented his party in a number of offices; was president of the board for one year, and supervisor for five years, and in 1890 he was elected as Member of the Assembly. He was member and president of the school board from 1892 until 1897. He was appointed by Gov. Morton loan commissioner in February, 1895, a position he still holds. He is a charter member and director of the Sidney National Bank, organized January 1, 1888, and organizer and director of the Morris National Bank, organized January 1, 1892. He is public spirited and liberal; any scheme that promises to benefit the community is sure of his hearty support, while his strong personality is a power for good, making itself felt throughout the entire locality.

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ADELBERT D. PAYNE, the accommodating and courteous postmaster of Bainbridge, was born in the village of Bainbridge, November 19, 1855, and is a son of Dennis W. and Elizabeth (Avery) Payne, and a grandson of William Payne.

William Payne was a shoemaker by trade, living in the State of Rhode Island where he



THOMAS E. SEARLES.

was born, until he came to Chenango County, N. Y., where he followed his trade until his death, which occurred in the town of Guilford. Dennis W. Payne, our subject's father, is one of the best known carpenters of Bainbridge, having been a resident of the town for about forty-four years. Many of the buildings in this locality bear witness to his industry and efficiency. He was married to Elizabeth Avery and four children were born to them: Franklin G. lives in Bainbridge and is a painter by vocation; Adolphus is a mechanic and lives in Bainbridge also; Cora E. is the wife of John R. Wilcox of Milford, Otsego County. The father of our subject's mother, Leonard Avery, was born in Connecticut in 1803. Mr. Avery came to the town of Bainbridge, where he owned and operated a large saw-mill. He was a Democrat and voted for Jackson, was one of the best posted men of his community, a great reader, and one who retained in great part what he read. He entered his last sleep in the village of Bainbridge, and was there laid to rest.

Adelbert D. Payne attended the common schools of Bainbridge, and then entered the employ of the Gilbert Manufacturing Co., with which concern he worked for ten years, a faithful and trusted employee. He then accepted a position with the Delaware and Hudson R. R. at Bainbridge, as baggage master, which he continued to fill until 1894, when he was appointed postmaster at that place and took charge. His record as postmaster is among the best since the office was first created; he has proven himself an able and efficient public servant, a fact that is

realized by the patrons of the office. Mr. Payne was united in marriage with Miss Cora May Bundy, February 26, 1884. He is a member of Susquehanna Lodge, No. 167, F. & A. M., and is also connected with the Episcopal Church, being one of the vestrymen. He is one of the trustees of the village.

THOMAS EMERY SEARLES. There are many men of prominence in the County of Chenango, among whom none are more favorably known than the subject of this personal history, who is engaged in farming in Bainbridge township. He is a son of Reuben and Ruth (Mead) Searles, and was born July 27, 1840, in the town of Bainbridge, on what is known as Searles Hill.

His grandfather, Abner Searles, was a native of Dutchess County, N. Y.; when he came to this county he purchased a tract of land containing 400 acres, which has ever since been known as Searles Hill. His perseverance was remarkable. Amidst a deep forest he planned and developed a fine farm. The soil is now rich and productive, and the improvements are among the very best. He built him a house in which he lived the remainder of his life. He died in 1852. His marriage with Miss Frelove Herrick was productive of seventeen children, of whom nine grew to maturity. Mrs. Searles passed from this life, Feb. 15, 1853.

Reuben Searles, the father of our subject, was born Dec. 23, 1799, in Dutchess County, and came to Bainbridge with his parents

when he was about ten years of age. He lived on Searles Hill and followed farming all his life. He married Ruth Mead, and to them were born five boys and one girl, named as follows: Arvine, a retired farmer, who resides in Bainbridge; George, a mine owner and operator of Tombstone, Arizona; Abner, a prominent farmer of Bainbridge; Lepha, deceased, was the wife of George W. Davis of Bainbridge; Burton M., now a resident of the State of Iowa, who entered the Civil War Sept. 3, 1864, in the 5th Reg. N. Y. Heavy Art., and fought gallantly until the close; and Thomas E. Religiously, Reuben Searles was a member of the Methodist Church. Politically, he was originally a Whig, but later joined the ranks of the Republican party. Mr. Searles was a man of generous impulses, strict integrity, and pure moral character, a kind and loving husband and father.

Thomas Emery Searles received his education in the common schools, and was reared upon the farm. He commenced life on his own account as a farmer, and has followed agricultural pursuits all his life, with the exception of the war period, when he with his brothers willingly discharged his duties in behalf of the Union. He enlisted in the 5th Reg. N. Y. Heavy Art. as a private, and served on guard duty all the time, being ever faithful in the performance of whatever service was required of him. March 1, 1894, he moved to the town of Bainbridge, and has since lived a private life. Politically, he is an unswerving Republican, and has always taken an active part in his party's advancement. He won the confidence of his fellow-men, who appreciated his good qualities by con-

tinuing him by successive elections in the office of assessor for nine years. He is a member of the H. H. Beecher Post, No. 582, G. A. R., at Bainbridge; he has served as quartermaster, and is at present acting in the capacity of commander of the post.

The name of Searles is pioneer in Chenango County, and for generations yet to come, the Searles family without a doubt will maintain its prominent place as being among the first families of this section. The publishers of this Book of Biographies take pleasure in presenting to the readers of this volume a recent portrait of Mr. Searles, executed from a photograph taken in the spring of 1898.

EUGENE CLINTON, who has established an excellent reputation as a legal advocate and counsellor in the courts of Chenango County, is a resident of the village of Greene, where he has been engaged in the practice of his profession since 1883, his first three years after being admitted to the state bar having been spent in the town of Smithville. He has been very successful in his professional labors, and holds an ever-increasing clientage, that has been attracted to him by the admirable, even brilliant manner, in which he has conducted his chief legal actions. Shrewdness and a natural ability to concentrate all his powers in fathoming the mysteries of a case characterize Mr. Clinton as much as his energy and enterprising habits. Our subject was born in Willet, Cortland County, N. Y., January

13, 1855, and is a son of Ormond D. and Almira (Payne) Clinton.

The great-great-grandfather of our subject, John Clinton, son of Thomas, was born in New Haven, Conn., November 8, 1721, and married Elizabeth Beecher in November, 1746. One of their children, John (2), born May 4, 1752, married Mary Scribner, who bore him three sons and one daughter, and died December 16, 1805, in her fifty-seventh year; she was buried in the old cemetery at Fly Creek, Otsego County, N. Y. A small brown tombstone marks her grave. John Clinton (2) was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. On page twenty-two of a manuscript volume, entitled "Military Register," in the custody of the Regents of the University of the State of New York, in the State Library, he is recorded as a private soldier in the Fifth New York Line, or Regiment, of Continentals, in the company commanded by Capt. F. John Hamtranck, and served, as there stated, from May 21, 1779, to January 1, 1780. On page eleven of Vol. 2, Treasurer's Certificates, a manuscript volume, he is also recorded as a sergeant in a regiment of levies raised in 1781. The records show that these regiments were in active service in the War of the Revolution. The children of John and Mary (Scribner) Clinton were: John (3); Simeon; Joel; and Phebe.

John Clinton (3), the grandfather of our subject, was born March 25, 1776, at Ballston, Saratoga County, N. Y., and died at the residence of his son, Ormond Doty Clinton, in Willet, Cortland County, June 17, 1858; he received sepulture at Hazzard's Corners, Triangle, Broome County, N. Y. In early

life he taught school, and followed the carpenter's trade. He came into Central New York from Ballston Springs, Saratoga County, and first settled in Lisle, later removing to the town of German, Chenango County. He was married at South Wallingford, Vt., December 22, 1800, to Lemira Doty, the seventh child of Ormond and Phebe (Vail) Doty, born at South Wallingford, Vt., June 28, 1783. She departed this life in German, Chenango County, N. Y., June 19, 1835. The following family blessed their marriage: Orille, whose death occurred in the State of Iowa; Polly Shaft, who died in Chautauqua County, N. Y.; Ormond D., the father of our subject; Joel, who died in Springfield, Bradford County, Pa.; Phebe Doty, who passed away in the same town as the preceding; Elias D., born September 22, 1815, died in Willet, N. Y., May 6, 1891; and David, who is supposed to have been lost on the Phoenix propeller, which was destroyed by fire on Lake Michigan within sight of Racine, Wis.

The grandmother of our subject, Lemira (Doty) Clinton, was a member of an old and highly respected family, whose founder, Edward Doty, was a member of that gallant band of Pilgrims, who, driven by religious persecution, left their own fair land to take up their residence in a new and unknown land, where far from the persecutions of those who would dictate their religion, they could live and prosper in peace. The brief outline, which we shall give of the Doty family is taken from a history compiled by Ethan Allen Doty of Brooklyn, N. Y. Edward Doty, a London youth in the service

of Stephen Hopkins, came over in the good ship, *Mayflower*, and was one of the signers of the solemn compact made in Cape Cod harbor November 11, 1620, and was in the party, that in the following December landed at Plymouth Rock. He was in the party with Captain Miles Standish and William Bradford, who first went ashore in search of a suitable place to land the party. After wandering about for several days they selected a place at Plymouth Rock. He married Faith Clarke January 6, 1635; the entry on the colony record is: "6th. jany, 1635 Edward Doty and Fayth Clarke were married." In book two, on pages 15 and 16 of the Plymouth Colony Record of Wills is the will of Edward Doty, and an inventory of his estate, also showing the division of the same among his widow and children, the last numbering nine, all born at Plymouth. He died at Plymouth, August 23, 1655. Isaac Doty, the fifth son and seventh child of the foregoing couple, was born at Plymouth, February 8, 1646, and married Elizabeth England about 1673, at Oyster Bay, N. Y. He was a party to a number of conveyances of real estate at and near Oyster Bay, a record of which may be found in the office of the County Clerk of Queens County, N. Y. Six children, all born at Oyster Bay, constituted his family. Joseph Doty, the second son and child of Isaac, was born about 1680, and died at his native place, Oyster Bay, in 1716. His will is recorded at Jamaica, Queens County, N. Y.; it bears the date of July 7, 1716, and divides his estate between his widow, Sarah, his sons, Joseph and Isaac, and his daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth.

Joseph Doty (2) receipted for his share of the estate May 6, 1729, and this makes it appear that he was born about 1708, for this was a legal proceeding that was performed when the children reached the age of twenty-one. He married Lucretia De Long at Charlotte, Dutchess County, N. Y., in 1744, and had ten children, of whom the eldest, Ormond, was born at Charlotte, N. Y., November 24, 1746. Ormond Doty, the father of our subject's grandmother, Lemira (Doty) Clinton, was married to Phebe Vail, by whom he had eleven children. He died at South Wallingford, Vt., November 18, 1826.

Ormond Doty Clinton, the fourth child of John and Lemira (Doty) Clinton, was born in the town of Lisle, or Triangle, which was formerly a part of Lisle, Broome County, N. Y., December 4, 1807. He married Almira Payne at Virgil village, N. Y., August 9, 1840, Rev. Hiram Green, a minister of the Universalist faith officiating. Almira Payne was born in Leicester, Providence County, R. I., November 17, 1816, and was a daughter of William and Lydia (Barnes) Payne. Our subject's father died at German, Chenango County, N. Y., June 18, 1881, and was buried in Sylvan Lawn Cemetery, Greene, N. Y. His widow lives with her son Charles, a prominent attorney-at-law of Smithville Flats; the children are six in number, the eldest son having died in infancy. The family record reads as follows: De Witt, born March 3, 1847, died October 18, 1849. Jane, born April 12, 1849, married Lorenzo D. Leach September 19, 1871, and bore him five children, viz: Elmer C., born September 8, 1872;

Albertus, born January 23, 1874, died September 10, 1880; Elpha, born September 18, 1878, died September 17, 1880; Mattie C., born August 7, 1880; and Carl, born June 26, 1886, died July 17, 1887. Phebe, born May 20, 1852, married George Schouten, June 13, 1874, and has five children, as follows: Gertie, born December 5, 1876, died September 22, 1880; Alta, April 29, 1879, died March 22, 1895; Lennie, January 20, 1885; Bertie, November 12, 1888; and Mary, August 15, 1890. Eugene, the subject of this personal history, is the next in order of birth. Mary, born September 19, 1856, married Charles C. Curtis of McDonough, N. Y., February 8, 1877, and has two children: Bertha, born May 28, 1885; and Lillian M., born July 8, 1895. Charles, born August 2, 1858, married Emma Fosgate of German, N. Y., September 15, 1880, who has borne him five children, as follows: Almira L., born January 5, 1882; Hattie M., February 22, 1884; Charles D., September 14, 1886; George C., March 17, 1889; Julian B., February 22, 1892. Charles Clinton is an able lawyer of Smithville Flats, and has served as school commissioner of the Second District, Chenango County, continuously since 1890. Emma, the youngest child, born June 2, 1861, married John S. Mason of McDonough, N. Y., November 30, 1880.

Eugene Clinton received his education in the district schools of Clintonville, Otsego County, N. Y., German, McDonough, and in Bainbridge Academy. After completing his schooling, he read law with George Windsor of Bainbridge, N. Y., and later with Isaac S. Newton of Norwich, N. Y. He was admitted

to the bar May 4, 1880, in Ithaca, N. Y., and was admitted to practice in the U. S. Supreme Court, December 5, 1888. He first located in Smithville, where he remained until 1883, when he moved to Greene, his present location. He is a wide-awake, enterprising man of much more than ordinary ability. His knowledge of legal principles is accurate, while his extended practice has given him an intimate acquaintance with the working details of his profession, that makes him an antagonist to be feared, when he is supporting his client in a case, where great interests are involved.

Mr. Clinton was united in marriage ties with Bertha L. Johnson of Greene, N. Y., January 10, 1884. He is a Mason of considerable standing, and belongs to Eastern Light Lodge, No. 126, of Greene. In politics he is known as a staunch supporter of the Republican party. Eugene Clinton is of the 8th generation in direct line of Edward Doty, spoken of above, a Pilgrim of the Mayflower.

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JESSE HUNT. The gentleman, whose name stands at the head of this sketch, is an old pioneer of Chenango County, and a successful farmer, who now lives in retirement in the village of Holmesville, New Berlin township. He owns a fine farm, which is under a high state of cultivation, and stands among the first-class men of the community, noted for his energy and enterprise. Mr. Hunt is a son of Jesse and Lucina (Evans) Hunt, and was born in New Berlin township, near where he

now resides, July 25, 1825. The Hunt family is of English origin, four brothers having emigrated to the United States in the early colonial times; the ancestor of our subject settled in the State of Rhode Island, one in Vermont, one near Utica, this state, and the other in the South. The paternal grandfather, George Hunt, served in the Revolutionary War, as did the maternal grandfather, Richard Evans, who emigrated from the Old World to the State of Rhode Island.

George Hunt was born in the State of Rhode Island, near Providence. In 1820 he came to New Berlin on a short visit, and while here he died. The greater part of his life was spent near the village of Rome, N. Y., where he followed agricultural pursuits. He was the father of seven children—four sons and three daughters.

Jesse Hunt, the father of our subject, was born near Providence in 1784. He was a farmer by vocation, and spent his whole life on the farm, engaged in agricultural labors; he was very successful in his chosen occupation, and was considered to be one of the leading farmers in his community. He was married to Miss Lucina Evans, and they reared nine children. In 1812 he moved with his family to Chenango County and located near Holmesville, where he again took up his occupation of a farmer. He died in 1859. Mrs. Hunt died in 1865, at the age of eighty-six years.

Jesse Hunt, the youngest of a family of nine children, and the only one who is now living, was reared and educated in the town of New Berlin. The early days of his life were spent in operating a gun smithy, which

he followed twelve years, when he turned his attentions toward carpentering and farming. Continuing in the two occupations until 1885, he then retired from active life. He is the owner of 163 acres of fine cultivated land. His farm is stocked with some thirty head of cows.

Mr. Hunt is a strong Republican and upholds the principles of his party both by voice and vote. He has served as overseer of the poor and as assessor. October 3, 1866, he was joined in matrimony with Jane L. Harrington, daughter of Elisha and Lucy (Goff) Harrington of New Berlin. Three children bless their happy home, namely: Charles H., who assists his father in operating the farm; Edwin E., who is a carpenter and joiner in the village of Holmesville; and Philo J., who is a prominent farmer of New Berlin. Mr. Hunt has witnessed the development of this county from an uncultivated condition to its present prosperous state, when it is regarded as one of the most productive agricultural counties in the state, and during this time he has been more or less connected with its progress and advancement. His farm is a fine one, and in the prosecution of his vocation he has met with more than ordinary success.

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STILLMAN S. SMITH is a prominent and prosperous farmer of the town of Guilford, Chenango County, N. Y. He was born March 28, 1820, and is a son of Noah and Nancy (Blake) Smith. His paternal grandfather was a native of



CALEB B. BARR.

New Hampshire, where he was engaged in tilling the soil. Noah Smith was born in Keene, N. H., March 10, 1780, where he lived until 1819, when he moved to this county, locating in Coventry. He was a mason by trade, but engaged in agricultural pursuits after coming to Coventry; he was quite an extensive farmer and owned 250 acres of good land. He married Miss Nancy Blake, a native of New Hampshire, and they became the parents of nine children, eight sons and one daughter; their names are as follows: George, who died young; Harry, who died at an advanced age, was a mason of Linn County, Iowa; Charles died young; Rev. Lucius, a minister of the Congregational Church, resided in Ohio,—in 1892, he was taken sick while visiting in Washington, D. C., and died there; Clark, deceased, was a farmer of Coventry; Mary Ann was married to Ging Smith; Samuel, deceased, was a mason and farmer of Coventry; Stillman S., the subject of this sketch; and Francis, a farmer of Bergen Point, N. J.; Noah Smith reached the advanced age of eighty-six years, when he passed away, October 6, 1866.

Stillman S. Smith was reared on a farm and received his education in the district schools of his native town. He engaged in farming at Coventry, where he remained until 1867, when he moved to Guilford and bought the farm upon which he now lives.

It contains 100 acres of good and well improved farm land, and is well supplied with neat and substantial buildings.

Mr. Smith's first wife was Miss Pamela Whitmore, and two children were born to them, namely: Franklin, who is farming on

the homestead; and Luella, who is the wife of Otto Ives, a farmer of the town of Guilford. Mrs. Smith passed to her eternal rest, April 1, 1874. January 14, 1875, our subject married Miss Adelia Lyons, daughter of Charles Lyons, a prominent farmer of Bainbridge. Mrs. Smith early attached herself to the Presbyterian Church, and has ever exhibited the genuineness of religious experience and true Christian life. Mr. Smith is also a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee, and a teacher of the Sabbath School.

CALEB B. BARR, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, is one of the prominent business men of White Store, Norwich township, Chenango County, having been engaged in the grocery business for the past eighteen years at his present location. His record as a fair dealing, upright and conscientious business man admits of no question, and his customers place in him their entire confidence. He was born in the town of New Berlin, this county, and is a son of Matthew C. and Elizabeth (Briggs) Barr, and a grandson of Abijah Barr, who came from Massachusetts and engaged in farming near the village of Norwich. From there he moved to the town of Preston, and continued farming during the remainder of his life. He was a Democrat. He was the father of five children, among whom were Alanson, Orin, Matthew, the father of our subject, and Samuel.

Matthew Barr was born in Massachusetts,

but was brought to this county when but two years old. When he reached man's estate he followed agricultural pursuits, residing in "King's Settlement." He was twice married, his first wife being Miss McNitt, by whom he had four children: John, Alvira, Eleanor and Orlando. His second wife was Elizabeth Briggs, who bore him four sons and two daughters, viz: Caleb B.; Charlotte M. (Harrington); Roena (Perry); Charles S.; William Mc.; and Hamlin H. Matthew Barr died at the age of seventy-eight.

Caleb B. Barr attended the district schools of his native town until he was twenty-one years old, receiving a good common school education. He then engaged in farming, giving agricultural pursuits his entire attention for a number of years. In 1875 he took up his residence in White Store, and a few years later he opened his grocery, and has worked up a very lucrative business. For the past ten years he has served as postmaster, and has the good will of the entire patronage of the office. He is still interested in farming; besides the farm of 25 acres, which he owns, he conducts one for his daughter, Mrs. Lottie Curtis. This farm contains 120 acres, and was formerly owned by Mr. Barr, having been sold by him to Stephen Curtis, his son-in-law, now deceased. Our subject was formerly a Whig and is now a Republican; he has held several town offices, is at present justice of the peace, an office he has held for seven years, and has served as collector, inspector, etc.

Mr. Barr has been twice married; his first wife was Julia Johnson, by whom he had

three children: Annie E. (Cook); Lottie M. (Curtis); and Frank J. He is a member of the Royal Templars, and for twelve years has been financial secretary of the local lodge of that organization. During this time he has paid out to beneficiaries \$11,000.00. He keeps all the books and accounts of the society, whose councils are held at Holmesville. He has held all the offices and served as delegate to the Grand Council of Royal Templars. He is also a great church worker, being a member of the M. E. Church, and acting as its steward and recording steward. He has been superintendent of the Sunday School. Mr. Barr is a very busy man, but is never appealed to in vain for any worthy object, and always finds time to attend to the duty lying nearest at hand.

JOSEPH E. JULIAND. Social and political distinction in the United States is not dependent, as in most of the Old World monarchies, on titles or on long lines of family ancestors, but is rather based on a man's own achievements; if a person has estimable qualities he will be well thought of. A shrewd, thrifty, economical business man, one who owes his success in great part to his own individual efforts, is the type of a man of whom we Americans are pardonably proud, perhaps, because his struggles against adverse circumstances and a comparatively humble beginning to success and honor so nearly resemble the life of our own nation. Among the brilliant number of such men of whom Chenango County

boasts, we would be extremely unwilling to pass by, without due mention, the name of the subject of this sketch, Joseph E. Juliand, the present president of the Juliand State Bank, located at Greene, this county. Our subject was born in the above village October 28, 1843, and since he has attained his manhood, he has made an honorable record, lending his means, counsel and enterprise toward the upholding, not only of the village of Greene, but of the county.

One hundred years ago there occurred a great upheaval in the Empire of France, which has gone down in history as the French Revolution, in which the social and economic world and the map of Europe was reorganized. Louis XVI, the weakly, stubborn Bourbon King, and Marie Antoinette, his frivolous Queen, were to all extent and purposes prisoners of the powerful Third Estate. The baleful star of Robespierre, Danton and Marat was rising above the national horizon. A majority of the Royal family and thousands of the nobility were fugitives across the boundaries to other lands, and were known to the world as *Emigres*. Already the nations of Europe, through the demands of France, were taking measures to force them without their borders. America offered inducements as a safe and desirable asylum, and thousands were seeking its hospitable shores, eager to place the wave of the broad Atlantic between them and the horrors that drenched their native land in blood.

Of the many French families who emigrated to the United States, a large number congregated in the City of Philadelphia,

where they decided to form a settlement in the State of New York, and accordingly sent one of their number, Simon Barnet, to select a site for their settlement. He traced his way along the Susquehanna River toward "Chenango Pint," which was then known by that name, but now Binghamton, and from there he followed the course of the Chenango River to the present site of Greene. He was so pleased with the situation that he decided with little delay upon it for the proposed settlement, and entered into a contract with Malachi Treat and William W. Morris, the original patentees, for a tract of land, which became known as the "French Tract," or "French Village Plot." From the history of that time it is evident that this occurred about 1792, and that the settlement was located on the east bank of the Chenango River, and embraced the farms which are now the exhibition grounds of the Riverside Agricultural Society. At the head of this enterprise, as the signer of the contract for the purchase of this large tract of land, was Charles Felix de Bolyne, one of the most learned and wealthiest men in the colony. In 1795, Talleyrand, the celebrated French statesman, who had journeyed to this country, and who had landed in Philadelphia, was entertained by the French colonists when he passed through their settlement on his way to Albany. While at Greene, Talleyrand formed the acquaintance of a son of M. Dutremont, one of the refugees, and was so pleased with him, that he took him back to France, and made him his private secretary. Soon after this, in 1795, the colony mourned

the loss of one of its members, M. de Bolyne, who was drowned while fording a river on horseback, as he was making a journey to Philadelphia in behalf of the interests of the settlement. With his death, the financial affairs of the colony became sadly deranged. As he had not paid in full for the land, it reverted to the original patentees. A few years later the colonists became discouraged and some of them moved to parts unknown.

The plans of operation adopted by the French Colony for carrying on their agricultural pursuits were the same which prevailed in their native country, where the agriculturist with his family resided in the village, and owned and worked a farm, more or less remote from his residence. Rude dwellings were constructed from the material on hand, and each settler proceeded to put a small piece of land under complete cultivation, while their supplies of provisions were drawn from great distances with much labor and expense. "Under the circumstances," writes the Dr. Purple, "it is not strange that persons, reared in affluence and accustomed to the pleasures of refined society, should yield to the pressure of the misfortunes that soon overtook them."

In 1798, Captain Joseph Juliand, a native of Lyons, France, who was among those who fled from their native country during the Revolution, came to Greene, where he lived in the little French settlement, following the vocation of an agriculturist. When the colony was in sore financial distress, which caused many of them to seek homes elsewhere, Joseph Juliand was not to be discouraged and he remained, and to him and Judge

Elisha Smith the foundation of the village of Greene is ascribed.

Captain Juliand received a good academic education and then took up the study of medicine, which he abandoned later to adopt maritime life. He worked upon the vessel but a short time when he was appointed commander of a vessel in the mercantile marine of France. He made many voyages across the Atlantic, principally between Nantes and Bordeaux, France, and Boston and Philadelphia in this country. During his short stays in this country he became acquainted with many people, and it was during one of these trips he met at New Haven, Connecticut, Hannah Lindsey, the daughter of a respectable farmer of that town. In 1788 he married her and took up his residence on a farm in Greenfield, Mass. In 1798, having heard of the French settlement at Greene, he sold his farm and with his wife and two small children he set out to find the new colony. When he arrived there he found that many had gone and others were preparing to follow, but he purchased a farm and followed farming until the time of his death, which occurred October 13, 1821.

Joseph Juliand, the father of our subject, was born near the village of Greene, where he grew to manhood and where he received his schooling. His first business venture was that of a merchant. He was associated with his brothers until 1839, at which time the firm dissolved partnership and Mr. Juliand conducted the business alone for several years. In 1859, Joseph Juliand started a private banking business

and was interested in it until the date of his death, which was in February, 1870. His progress in business was steady and constant from his first start as a young man, and his excellent judgment stood him in good stead in many an anxious hour, and never failed to point out the right course. His life reveals the success that may be attained by self-reliance, integrity and persevering industry. Mr. Juliand was formerly a Whig, but upon the breaking-down of that party he joined the ranks of the Republican party, and was one of the leaders of that political organization in his county. He was a member of the State Legislature in 1827 and in 1834, and during his term he was one of the prime movers in the securing of the Chenango Canal. He was a member of the state militia of which he was colonel, and ever after he was known as Col. Joseph Juliand. Religiously, he was a member of the Episcopal Church, and was one of the founders of the church of that denomination in Greene. He was joined in the bonds of matrimony with Miss Ann Maria Perkins of Oxford, N. Y., and they were the parents of three children, who were as follows: Cornelia J. (Russell); Ann M.; and Joseph E., the subject of this biography. Mrs. Juliand passed to the world of rest, aged fifty-six years, in 1860.

Joseph E. Juliand received his primary education in the public schools of his native town, and then took a course in the Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y., graduating with the class of 1864. Immediately upon his graduating from college, he entered his father's bank and soon became familiar with the banking business. He remained in the bank, and

upon the death of his father he formed a partnership with Mr. Russell, his brother-in-law, and the bank was continued under the name of Russell & Juliand. Although the bank is still operated by the same parties, it was reorganized in 1893 into a state bank, and has since been known as the Juliand Bank, and our subject has been president since that time. He is also president of the Lyons Iron Works of Greene, and has been ever since its reorganization and incorporation in 1890. He has been treasurer of the Riverside Agricultural Society for the past thirteen years.

Our subject was joined in Hymen's bonds in 1870 with Mary A. Stevens, daughter of Charles A. Stevens, and two children blessed their home, Adelaide M. and Clara C. Mr. Juliand is a spirited character, whose membership in the Episcopal Church means more to him than it does to many excellent people, as he takes pains to live up to his spiritual duties in every sense. He has been vestryman of the church for twenty-seven years. As a citizen, Mr. Juliand is abreast of the times, and keeps himself well informed on topics of the day. He understands pretty thoroughly the political history of our country, and delights in expounding Republican principles and theories. On questions of local issue he is invariably consulted, as he influences a large following. He has served in official capacities for his town many years, being county supervisor for twelve years; he has been sent as delegate to conventions time after time, and acted as chairman for the last county convention. Mr. Juliand has distinguished himself as an excellent busi-

ness man, and public spirited citizen, to whom nothing is more pleasant than the performing of some useful service for the community. He is a man of character and refinement. His good blood shows in all his actions and ways. His share in the work of this busy world is being performed carefully and to the best of his ability. The success which attends his efforts is deserving, and has come to him mostly as a natural result of his methods of life.

CHARLES NEWMAN, a retired farmer and highly respected citizen of Sherburne, N. Y., was born on the old turnpike near Newburg, Orange County, February 12, 1819. He is a son of Jonas and Anna (Merritt) Newman, and grandson of Isaac Newman, who came from Westchester County, N. Y., and settled in Orange County, where he followed the occupation of a farmer. Jonas Newman was born in Orange County, and in 1821 moved to Sullivan County, where he teamed from Monticello to Newburg. Later he moved to New York City, and for the subsequent three years he followed trucking. He married Miss Anna Merritt, and as a result of this happy union, ten children were born to them, Charles, our subject, being the third in point of birth and the only one living.

Charles Newman followed trucking in New York City until he was nineteen years of age, selling pure water. There being no water system in the city he easily built up an extensive trade, getting the water at the

foot of Thirteenth Street, where there was a spring and three large wells. This business was carried on until the Croton Aqueduct and Water Works were completed; he then went to Chemung County *via* Albany, and bought a farm near Havana. He built and improved its buildings and cleared the land; having put the property in a state of cultivation, in 1873 he sold it and moved to the village of Sherburne, and engaged in the boot and shoe business under the firm name of Wilbur & Newman. The firm continued in business for nine years, when Mr. Wilbur died, and Mr. Newman sold his interest and retired from business.

Mr. Newman has a nice home and has made many improvements upon it, and now he takes great pleasure in his large and well cultivated garden and small fruits. He is a man of great physical strength and undoubted courage, and a true type of that pioneer class who are rapidly passing away. He married Miss Euphemia H. Stewart, who was born in Delhi, N. Y., January 26, 1820. She is a daughter of Robert and Margaret (Graham) Stewart. To Mr. and Mrs. Newman was born one child, Isabelle Josephine, who married J. B. Wilbur, now deceased. They had three children: Cora, deceased; Eva, deceased; and Lena May, who married Charles Benedict of Port Jarvis.

In politics our subject is an unswerving Republican, and has contributed much to his party's success. His qualifications eminently fit him for public positions, and his fellow citizens in years past appreciating this fact, elected him as justice of the peace, as assessor for seven years, and as trustee for two years.



T. SPENCER BAKER.

The duties of every position to which he has been chosen have been faithfully and honestly discharged. Religiously, Mr. Newman is a Methodist. Mrs. Newman was a consistent and active worker of the Baptist Church. She died January 24, 1898, aged seventy-eight years.

TSPENCER BAKER, the leading druggist of the village of Norwich, was born September 28, 1837, at Bath, N. Y. He is a son of Dr. Andrew and Ruth K. (Marshall) Baker, and grandson of Andrew Baker.

Andrew Baker, Sr., was a native of Berkshire County, Mass., whence he removed to Howard, N. Y., in 1825. At the latter place he was engaged in farming a few years, then moved to the State of Michigan, where he followed the same occupation and became one of the substantial, well-to-do citizens of his town. He reached the advanced age of eighty years before overtaken by death. His loving wife survived him several years. They reared a family of twelve children, one of whom was Andrew, the father of our subject.

Dr. Andrew Baker was born in Berkshire County, Mass., in 1805, and came to New York State with his father in 1825. After taking the required course of studies in the public schools, he entered Geneva Medical College and graduated in 1836. He first practiced in Bath, remaining there until 1843. In those days physicians did not have finely cushioned vehicles in which to make their

professional calls, but were obliged to make long journeys on horseback, and during all kinds of weather. He next entered upon a practice in Norwich, where he succeeded Dr. Henry Mitchell, a prominent physician of his day. He purchased a home on the corner of North Broad and Mitchell Streets and built an office adjoining the house. He soon acquired a large and lucrative practice, and was at the height of his success, when he died at the age of fifty-eight years. Owing to exposure on his long trips into the country, he contracted a severe cold on his lungs, that developed into quick consumption, and resulted fatally. He was twice married, his first wife being Armenia Graves, by whom he had two children, namely: Austin and Julia. His second union was with Ruth K. Marshall, and they were the parents of the following children: T. Spencer, the subject of this personal history; Clarence M.; Julia A.; Delia L.; Caroline O.; Mary L.; Charles O.; Adelpia; Fanny M.; and Ruth K. Dr. Baker was a staunch supporter of the Democratic party. Socially, he was a member of the Norwich Lodge, I. O. O. F.

T. Spencer Baker took a course in Norwich Academy, after which he studied medicine with his father, but instead of completing his medical course, he went to Illinois, and was teaching at Ottawa, in that state, when the war broke out in 1861. He enlisted in the 11th Reg. Ill. Vol. Inf. for three months, and at the expiration of that period he returned to Norwich, where he spent the winter of 1862. He then went back to Chicago, where he re-enlisted in Battery M, 1st Illinois Light Artillery; he was engaged

in many battles, among which were Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, and all the battles in Northern Georgia during Sherman's March to the Sea until the columns reached Atlanta. Being a student of medicine, he was chosen steward of the Nashville Hospital, having been sent there on account of sickness, where he had charge of the Dispensary, and sold and gave out medicine to 1400 patients. He also fought in many minor engagements and skirmishes, not enumerated here, continuing in the service until the close of the war. Mr. Baker then went to Norwich, and entered the drug business with John Mitchell. In 1871, he purchased the grocery store of Elliott & Gilbert, and after disposing of the stock on hand, established a drug store in the building. In 1888, he bought a vacant lot on the corner of North Broad and Henry Streets, upon which he erected a fine three story building. The first floor is arranged for two stores, one of which is now used as a market, and in the other he conducts his drug store. The second floor consists of nothing but office rooms, while the third is a large hall, 25 by 109 feet, in which public meetings or conventions can be held. The building is constructed of brick, and is one of the finest in the county, reflecting much credit upon Mr. Baker as a progressive and enterprising citizen. He also built a fine house at 106 Henry Street, and owns a large block on Lock Street, and a tenement at No. 50 Cortland Street.

Mr. Baker was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Bailey, and three children were born to bless their home; they are as follows:

Maude, who died when an infant; May was born September 23, 1870, and graduated from the Norwich Academy; Grace was born December 24, 1875, and is also a graduate of the same institution. Mrs. Baker was born in Northamptonshire, England, and came to this country with her father, who located in Delaware County, N. Y., becoming one of that county's progressive farmers and citizens. Politically, Mr. Baker is independent, and has held the office of town clerk. He is a charter member of the Col. E. B. Smith Post, G. A. R., of Norwich. In religious views, he is a Spiritualist. In connection with the above outline of his life, Mr. Baker's portrait appears on a preceding page.

AD. BARR, manufacturer of gloves, and mittens, is one of the popular and energetic citizens of Norwich. He is a son of A. D. and Fredelia (Button) Barr, and was born June 9, 1865, in the village of Preston, Chenango County, N. Y.

A. D. Barr, the father of our subject, was born in the village of Preston, where he received a liberal education in the public schools. Leaving school he was appointed agent for the Howe Machine Company, with his headquarters in the city of Rochester, N. Y. After following this business for fifteen years he engaged in the manufacture of gloves and mittens in the town of Preston, later moving to the town of Norwich, where he continued the same business until his death. In politics, he was a solid Republi-

can. In religious views he was a firm believer in Methodism, and held many offices in that church. Socially, he was a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 205, of Norwich. He chose for his life companion Fredelia Button, and their happy home was blessed by two children: Elizabeth, deceased; and H. D., who heads the above lines. Mr. Barr died in June, 1889.

H. D. Barr was educated in the common schools, and then turned his attention toward the manufacture of gloves and mittens, which is now his sole occupation. May 6, 1866, Mr. Barr landed in the village of Norwich with but thirty-three dollars in his pocket. By the exercising of economy, thrift and good judgment, he succeeded in establishing one of the largest glove and mitten manufactories in Central New York. In 1895 he built a large, commodious and beautiful residence. It is one of the finest residences in the town, and stands second to none in the county. It cost \$9,600, is fitted throughout and heated by gas, and is situated on Guernsey Street, the handsomest street in the village. Although Mr. Barr is an adherent of the Republican party, and believes in the doctrines of that political organization, he has always voted for the best men, regardless of party. In religious views our subject and his family are consistent members of the Baptist Church, in which he has been a trustee. In February, 1887, Mr. Barr and Alice May Scott were happily married. Mrs. Barr is a daughter of Walter R. Scott of Preston, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Barr are the parents of one child, Guy D. Beginning life a poor boy, Mr. Barr has worked his way up the

ladder of fortune step by step, until he has succeeded in obtaining a handsome competency, and has made a reputation for straightforward and honest dealing that will shine brightly upon his record when he shall have gone to the home beyond the grave. Mr. and Mrs. Barr are warmly beloved and highly esteemed by a large circle of friends, for their probity of conduct, kindness of heart and their unswerving fidelity to every obligation in life.

WILLIAM E. NEWCOMB, a representative and successful business man of Chenango County, engaged in the undertaking business in North Pitcher, was born October 24, 1851, in the town of German and is a son of William P. and Catherine J. (Bedell) Newcomb. William P. Newcomb was a native of Bridgewater, Pa., where he was born March 24, 1821. He is a blacksmith by trade, which business he followed for some time. He moved to the town of German about 1849, and while living there was engaged in farming. In 1860 he moved to the town of Lincklaen, where he resided until the death of his wife, since which time he has lived with his children. His wife was formerly Miss Catherine J. Bedell of Susquehanna County, Pa. They were the parents of four children, as follows: Almeda, at one time engaged in teaching, now employed as agent for nursery stock; William E.; G. F., an undertaker of Castle Creek, Broome County, N. Y.; and Eva L., wife of Andrew Wilbur, a merchant of South Otselic, N. Y.

William E. Newcomb received his early training on the farm, helping with the work while he attended district school. No better training can be devised for the youth of our land than can be found on the farm; from it emanate our most successful and enterprising men. He remained on the farm until he had attained his twenty-fourth year, when he determined to engage in some other line of business, and chose that of undertaker as the one most likely to suit him. In 1874 he opened a shop in North Pitcher, and in 1876 built his first commodious rooms. In 1888 he erected a fine dwelling, one of the neatest in appearance in the village. Mr. Newcomb is a graduate of Prof. Clark's school of embalming. He has three fine hearses; his establishment is well equipped with everything necessary for his business, and he has spared no pains to make it the success it is. Our subject owns a blacksmith and wagon making shop, which is under his immediate supervision. He also owns two farms, one in Pitcher, and one on the Pitcher and Lincklaen line.

In 1877, he led to the altar Miss Annette L. Smith, daughter of the late L. P. Smith, a farmer of the town of Pitcher. Politically, Mr. Newcomb is a Democrat, although he does not take an active part, believing his first duty to be to his family and business.

ARTHUR P. BALDWIN. Prominent among the farmers of Chenango County is the subject of this sketch, who is a leading resident and agricul-

turist of the town of Pitcher. He is a son of J. S. and Susan (Hakes) Baldwin, and was born November 25, 1842. His grandfather, Elisha Baldwin, was a native of Stonington, Conn.; in 1825 he moved with his family to Pitcher, locating on what is known as Pink Hill, where he bought a tract of woodland and cleared a farm. He made farming his lifelong occupation, and was very successful. He was one of the brave men who so ably defended our country in the War of 1812 with England. In religious belief he was a Baptist. He married Miss Patty Spalding, and they became the parents of ten children, five boys and five girls, one of whom was J. S. Baldwin, the father of our subject, who was born in 1813, at Stonington, Conn., and came to Pitcher with his father, where he has since resided. He has always followed the occupation of a farmer. Mr. Baldwin has ever taken an active interest in politics and was for several years a justice of the peace; originally he was a Whig and an Anti-Slavery man, but upon the organization of the Republican party he joined its ranks. For some years past he has been a firm supporter of the Prohibition party; even his old age and the inclemency of the weather did not prevent his going to the polls, November 2, 1898, and casting his vote in the interest of that party. His first wife, whose maiden name was Susan Hakes, was a daughter of Perez Hakes, a farmer of the town of Pitcher. The results of this union were six children, namely: Arthur P., our subject; Clara, who is the wife of Dr. W. H. Dorrance of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Cora, the wife of George Dorrance, a jeweler of Jackson, Mich.; Ella



MRS. ELLEN M. PUTNAM.

V., the wife of Dr. O. S. Phelps of the New York City Sanitarium; Rev. H. D., a minister of the Baptist Church; and Willie, who died in early manhood. Mrs. Baldwin was in the prime of life when overtaken by death, at the age of thirty-two. Mr. Baldwin's second wife was Electa Baldwin; although their names were the same, they were not relatives. She is a daughter of William Baldwin, deceased, who was a farmer of the town of Pitcher. Mr. Baldwin is now eighty-four years of age, and enjoys good health for one of his years.

Arthur P. Baldwin was reared on the farm and educated in the public and select schools. Farming has always been his occupation; he rented the Waldron farm at South Otselic, upon which he resided until 1895, when he removed to Pitcher to take charge of the old homestead, as his father was getting too old for active work. He is a close observer of modern methods used in agriculture, and those found worthy he puts into practical use; his farm is equipped with the latest machinery and the soil tilled by improved methods. He has quite a reputation as a butter maker, having taken a premium at the World's Fair. He was also awarded one out of the five medals given for the best maple sugar. During the late Civil War he enlisted, but was not accepted on account of his health and size.

On November 5, 1862, he married Delia M. Burnham, a daughter of Norman Burnham, who was a wagon maker, formerly of Pitcher, but later of Binghamton, N. Y. They are the parents of eight children, who are as follows: Halbert E. went to Califor-

nia to live, but returned on account of his health; Norman J.; Floyd A., a clerk in Cuyler, N. Y.; Ralph H., a merchant of Oxford, N. Y.; Susan L., who is the wife of Verner L. Snauble, a bookkeeper of Ann Arbor, Mich.; Arthur Ray, a merchant of Cincinnati, N. Y.; Willie A., who is at home; Ella D., who is also at home; and Myrtie, who died in infancy. In politics Mr. Baldwin has always been an unswerving Republican and a strong Protectionist.

MRS. ELLEN M. PUTNAM. Chenango County numbers among her residents not a few ladies who have attained prominence in their chosen fields of activity and employment, but there is no one who has been so much in the eye of the public, or who has secured for herself state-wide and even national recognition, as has the subject of this sketch, whose connection with the Women's Relief Corps places her among the foremost ladies of the land. She makes her home in the village of Oxford, where she has charge of the New York State Women's Relief Corps Home, which is itself located about one mile northeast of the village. It was through her untiring efforts that Oxford was chosen as the best site. The structure was erected in 1896, together with the entire plant, consisting of electric works, steam heating, a large main sewer for the accommodation of all buildings, water reservoir, etc., when complete, at a total cost of \$75,000, and is one of the best buildings of the description in the state, having incorporated in it all the

latest improvements and labor-saving conveniences. The Home has its own electric light and power plant, and its own water system. It is located on the banks of the Chenango River, the site being on a bluff about 150 feet higher than the village; this elevation insures the best of drainage and ventilation, and affords the inmates of the home a beautiful view of the Chenango Valley. 52 people have availed themselves of the advantages offered in the home; the number is growing, and will some day reach if not exceed 300, the capacity. No single man is ever admitted to the home, there being a home for old soldiers at Bath, N. Y. The Women's Relief Corps Home is designed to keep the old soldiers and their wives together as long as they live. The widows of soldiers are of course admitted, and form the greater part of the inmates. All the furniture in the Home has been donated by the various W. R. C. organizations over the state, even to the knives, spoons, tableware, bedding, etc., and so the success of the institution and Mrs. Putnam's management is viewed with interest by thousands of ladies in every county of the state. Her management of affairs has met with the heartiest encouragement and approval that cannot help but be gratifying, and even a spur to greater efforts in behalf of the Nation's heroes and their families.

It is needless, we admit, to introduce the subject of the work of the W. R. C. at this point, but a few words as to the object of the organization cannot come amiss. It came into being as an auxiliary of the G. A. R. with the same avowed purpose, to give aid

and succor to members of the army and navy in the late Rebellion, to assist their families, to foster a patriotic spirit in the land by instructing the youth in the lessons that the war taught, and to make all things in their power tend toward making a united, patriotic, loyal country, responsive to the best American spirit. In 1891 and 1892 Mrs. Putnam was president of New York State Women's Relief Corps, and from that time dates her connection with the leaders of the movement. She has been vice-president of the state organization, was chairman of the state executive committee two years, state counsellor two years, and was also a member of the executive board of national and state patriotic teachers. When the Women's Relief Corps met in convention in the city of Buffalo in 1897, during the great G. A. R. Encampment of that year, Mrs. Putnam's name was most prominently before the people as one of the candidates for a national office. She had the hearty support of the entire New York delegation.

Mrs. Putnam was born in Buffalo, N. Y., October 8, 1845, and was a daughter of John and Mary (Clark) Rose. The Rose family is of French extraction, as the records show. Mrs. Putnam was connected with the public schools of Buffalo for thirty-six years—twenty years of which she was principal of one of the largest departments. In 1869 she became the wife of Frank Putnam, who was born in Springfield, Mass., September 14, 1835, a son of Sardis and Dorcas (Starr) Putnam, both natives of the Bay State. Mr. Putnam is a descendant of Gen. Israel Putnam of Revolutionary war fame. Our sub-

ject's husband was educated in the schools of New York State. April 15, 1861, he entered the ranks of Co. A, 19th Reg. N. Y. Vol. Inf.; this regiment was later known as the Third New York Heavy Artillery. Three years were spent in the service of his country, and he had a very bright army record.

Mrs. Ellen M. Putnam is a bright, stirring business woman, in whose executive ability and capacity for management her associates in the Women's Relief Corps have the greatest confidence. She is respected and esteemed by Oxford's citizens as a lady of noble, womanly instincts, whose very presence in the community can do naught but result in good. Every resident of Oxford takes pride in the Home, and wishes Mrs. Putnam continued success in her management. As one of the best known members of the W. R. C. in the Empire State, and as a woman of enterprising and forceful character, it affords us pleasure to be able to present Mrs. Putnam's portrait on a preceding page.

GEORGE M. BRYAN, assistant cashier and one of the directors of the Sherburne National Bank, and one of the village's enterprising citizens, was born in the town of Sherburne, N. Y., November 21, 1850, and is a son of David, Jr., and Angeline (Bowen) Bryan, and grandson of David Bryan, Sr.

David Bryan, Sr., was among the pioneer settlers who settled in the above town, and was a descendant of a long line of ancestors.

Richard Bryan was a son of Alexander Bryan, who was born in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, England, in 1602, and with his son emigrated to the American shores in 1639, where they located and were the founders of Milford, Conn.; from there the family of Bryan began to separate, some moving to Vermont and others to New York. The line of ancestors runs from Richard (1) to Richard (2), who was born in Milford, Conn., to Richard (3), to Richard (4), to Richard (5), to Richard (6), to David (1), to David (2), who is the grandfather of our subject. The latest named settled in the village of Sherburne in 1797, where he purchased a tract of land and began to fell trees with which he built a log cabin, which was one of the first cabins built in this section of the county. Later he built a frame house, which is still standing on the farm now owned by Nathaniel Bryan, and is one more proof of the hardships with which those sturdy pioneers had to contend. He married Mercy Cook, and they reared three children: Chester; Orpha; and David, the father of our subject. After her death he married Betsy Hammond, who bore him four children, namely: Richard; Monroe; Nathaniel; and Mercy. Mr. Bryan died at the advanced age of seventy-three years.

Our subject's father was born on his father's farm in the town of Sherburne and was reared to follow the pursuits of an agriculturist, which was his sole occupation throughout his life. When he reached his majority he purchased the Gahan farm, which he improved and then sold, thus reaping a small sum of money. He made farming his

business; among the farms which he sold were the C. Parkhurst, D. Moore, B. Healy, and the G. Bingham farms. Later he sold to his son, E. C. Bryan, a fine farm; after selling the Henry Holmes farm, he moved to Sherburne, where he passed his latter days in retirement. He was united in marriage with Angeline Bowen, daughter of Peter C. Bowen. She was born October 18, 1816, and is living at the home of her son, Charles D. Bryan, and although she has passed her eighty-first birthday, she is still strong for one of her years, and has a wide circle of friends, who know her to be a kind and loving mother and a true neighbor. Her children are: Alberto, deceased; Edwin C., who is farming on the old homestead; Fitch H., who resides in the village of Sherburne; Charles D., also of Sherburne; and George M., the subject of this biography. Mr. Bryan was an adherent of the Democratic party.

George M. Bryan attended the common schools of his native town and then entered New Berlin Academy. As his first business venture, he engaged in the mercantile business with O. D. Larcher, under the name of Larcher & Bryan, and at the expiration of one year he sold his interest and moved to Sherburne, and with F. M. Godfrey he again embarked in the mercantile business. Two years later he engaged in the hop business with Edward Daniels, and they carried on a large business for four years, when our subject entered upon new duties as assistant cashier of the Sherburne National Bank, a position he has filled to the present time.

Mr. Bryan chose for his life companion Miss Evelyn Cone, daughter of Charles E.

Cone of Columbus, this county. Charles E. Cone was born in New Berlin, December 1, 1827, and is a son of Benjamin and Emily (Root) Cone. Benjamin Cone was successfully engaged in the cultivation of the soil at New Berlin, but later moved to Columbus, where he remained until his death, which occurred at the age of sixty-three years. Mrs. Cone passed from this life, aged thirty years. They were the parents of the following children, namely: Russell F.; Royal D.; Josiah R.; Theo H.; Charles E.; and John F. Mr. Cone married for his second wife Ann Burbank, and they reared four children, who were as follows: Tracy; Emily; Delia; and Benjamin. Charles Cone bought the Whitmore farm in Columbus, where he carried on general farming. He succeeded in reaping a handsome competency with which he is able to pass his latter days with ease, and he is now living with our subject. He married Ellen Clark, daughter of R. W. Clark, and they are the parents of one child,—Evelyn, the wife of our subject. To George M. Bryan and his wife have been given two children, namely: Ellen Louise, deceased; and Hugh, born April 7, 1882, who is now attending school. Our subject is a firm supporter of the Republican party, and has served as trustee of the village for two years; is now treasurer of the village; has been a member of the board of education for the past ten years; and has been water commissioner for four years. Mr. Bryan has also been a director of the Sherburne National Bank for the last two years. Religiously, he and his family are attendants of the Congregational Church.



ELISHA M. WARREN.

ELISHA M. WARREN, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, a retired citizen of Bainbridge, highly respected wherever he is known, is a son of Woodward and Patty (Miles) Warren, and was born in Coventry, this county, March 27, 1822.

The grandfather of our subject was a native of Cheshire, Conn., and early in life came west to the village of Coventry, and was considered one of the pioneer settlers who contributed largely to the success of the community.

Woodward Warren was born in Connecticut, June 17, 1791, and came with his parents to Coventry, where he followed the trade of a carpenter. Politically, he was an avowed Democrat, and served his fellow men as supervisor in such a manner as to win their highest praise. He married Miss Patty Miles, who was born December 7, 1796, and died January 30, 1881. Mr. Warren passed from this life September 7, 1855. Two children blessed their home, Elisha M., and Simeon W., the latter born October 2, 1829. Simeon W. Warren in his younger days was a music teacher and ticket agent at Sidney, N. Y. Later at Bainbridge he held a similar position until forced to abandon it on account of failing health. His death occurred July 25, 1886. He was joined in wedlock with Miss Sarah Stoddard.

Elisha M. Warren received a liberal education in the common schools, and spent the most of his early days on the farm, where he learned from his father the trade of a carpenter and joiner, which he continued to follow for a short time. After the death of his

father, he purchased the homestead, where he engaged in general farming until 1868, when he took up his former trade as a carpenter, in the employ of the D. & H. R. R. Since his connection with the railroad he has been retired from active business. He owns a large business block in the city of Binghamton, and takes an active interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of that community. Politically, he is a supporter of the Democratic party, and for three years he served as highway commissioner of Coventry.

September 18, 1879, Mr. Warren chose as his lifelong companion Mrs. Julia M. Holcomb (néé Bingham.) Mr. and Mrs. Warren are both popular members of the Presbyterian Church. During the late Civil War, Mr. Warren was among those who early offered their services to their country in the hour of peril, but much to his disappointment he was not allowed to serve, as he was found upon examination to be disqualified on account of disability. Nevertheless, he did all in his power to aid in the support of the Government.

CHANCELLOR H. BABCOCK, one of the substantial citizens of New Berlin, is a son of Chester and Sarah G. (Fox) Babcock, and was born in South New Berlin, April 5, 1829.

His grandfather, Roger Babcock, was a native of Massachusetts, and was among the first brave and sturdy pioneers who came into the State of New York and settled in Bur-


lington, Otsego County, while yet it was the home of the red men, and its broad rolling fields were unturned by the plow. Later he moved to South New Berlin and engaged in farming, following that occupation the rest of his days. He was also a blacksmith by trade, in which he was very successful, and for a number of years prior to his death he lived the life of a retired citizen. He was the father of three children, of whom Chester, the father of our subject, was the oldest.

Chester Babcock was born in Burlington, March 31, 1790, and like his father he followed the trade of a blacksmith nearly all his life. In religious views he was a devoted member of the Baptist Church. In politics he was an ardent Democrat and took an active part in the advancement of the interests of that organization. He was prominent among his fellow-citizens, and was elected supervisor of the town for a number of years. He married Sarah G. Fox, and a family of nine children was reared—three sons and six daughters. Mr. Babcock passed from this life December 9, 1862, at the ripe old age of seventy-two years. Mrs. Babcock died May 5, 1874.

Chancellor H. Babcock was educated in the schools of South New Berlin, and then took up the trade of a blacksmith. The methods of the father in turn became those of the son; as the burden grew too heavy for the elder, they found a ready and trained bearer in the younger. Success was certainly won by the father, and has been retained and maintained by his worthy successor. Mr. Babcock was formerly a Democrat, but upon the organization of the Republican party he joined its ranks, and has remained identified

with that political organization to the present. He was superintendent of the poor of this county for two terms; a town supervisor for six years; justice of the peace for twenty years, and notary of the public for a considerable term. In 1861 he bought out the merchandise store of Everett Jackson, and conducted the business for twenty years, selling out in 1881. He is a member in good standing of the Methodist Church, and has been steward and trustee for a number of years.

June 29, 1852, our subject was united in wedlock with Miss Adelaide A. Ainsworth, of New Berlin, and two children were born to them. The elder, Hobart C., was born April 24, 1856, and died in Georgia December 1, 1895. He was a very prominent man and was engaged in the lumber trade; he was also a member of the Cherokee Manufacturing Co., of which he was president. Sarah A., the younger, born July 31, 1860, is the wife of Scott B. Lewis, whose life history appears elsewhere in this work. Mr. Babcock is a careful, conscientious and thoroughly enterprising business man. He is a pleasant and genial companion, hospitable in his home and highly esteemed throughout the community. Both he and his wife vie with each other in dispensing a generous hospitality to all who come under their roof.

 C. HARTIGAN, division superintendent of the N. Y. O. & W. R. R., with headquarters at Norwich, is a son of James and Mary (Curren) Hartigan, and was born in Oswego, N. Y., April 4, 1854.

James Hartigan, Sr., the grandfather of our subject, was born in the city of Cork, Ireland, from which place he emigrated to this country and located in Oswego County, N. Y. He was a blacksmith all his life. In politics he was an old time Whig, and most loyal in his allegiance to party. He was an active member of the Roman Catholic Church. His family was large, but he was able to give them the benefits of a fair education, that rendered them better able to cope with the problems of life. His death occurred in 1860.

James Hartigan, son of the preceding, and father of W. C. Hartigan, was ushered into the world in the city of Cork, Ireland, and came to this country with his father when he was seventeen years of age. His early life in the United States was spent in firing on a steamboat, that plied on the waters of Lake Ontario; disliking that kind of work, he finally discontinued it and learned the trade of a miller, and followed that occupation in Oswego, N. Y., until 1887, when he retired from active life. In politics he is a strong Democrat, and supports the party of his choice with vote and influence. He is a member of the Catholic Church, and lives the life of a true Christian. He was united in marriage in early life with Mary Curren, and five children were born to them, namely: James; W. C., the subject of this personal history; Jeremiah; Charles; and Annie. Mrs. Hartigan was removed from the side of her husband in May, 1895.

W. C. Hartigan received a liberal education in the common schools, and at the age of fourteen years he began to face the stern

realities of life. He engaged in the service of the Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Co. as messenger boy, then learned to be an efficient operator, and accepted a position in that capacity with the above mentioned company. Soon after this the manager of the company, William H. Weed, resigned to accept the position of superintendent of telegraph with the N. Y. & O. Midland R. R., and our subject was persuaded to join him in the service of that company. Mr. Hartigan's first office was in the Oswego shops, where he remained one year, and was then appointed extra agent and operator on the division between Oswego and Sidney. Later he was appointed ticket agent and operator at Oswego, and held that position until 1873, when he was promoted to be night train dispatcher; he thereupon moved to Norwich to take up the duties of his new position. His steady, conscientious work entitled him to the favorable notice of his superiors, and his rise to his present position of superintendent has been gradual but sure. In January, 1880, he was appointed chief train dispatcher at Middletown under Supt. Hawkins; in 1887 the departments of the road were reorganized, with the result that there was a general change. C. W. Lampher became general superintendent of transportation, the dispatcher's force was concentrated at Norwich, and Mr. Hartigan was appointed train master, with special charge of the traffic of the entire road. He held the position until June, 1890, when, owing to the increase of the road's business, it became necessary to remove the dispatcher's office back to Middletown, and Mr. Hartigan was promoted to

the post of assistant superintendent, in charge of the Northern and Utica Division. Our subject assumed the duties of his present position, that of division superintendent, in 1893. He has well merited his present post of responsibility and trust, for he has been in all grades of the service from the lowest up, and possesses such an intimate knowledge of details as is only gained through experience. His energetic and progressive nature is seen to full advantage in his gradual climb to success. He is pleasant and agreeable in his manners, and most considerate of those who are subject to his orders, and in turn he is well liked by them.

Mr. Hartigan was joined in marriage, September 22, 1880, with Miss Minnie Conway, daughter of Michael Conway. Their home has been blessed by the following children: Charles and William, who are attending Norwich Academy; James; Minnie; and Jennie. Politically, our subject is a firm Gold Democrat, and is fearless in his opinions on the issues of the day. He is now serving his third term as a member of the board of education of Norwich.

HARRY V. R. GRISWOLD, deceased, was a prominent farmer of the town of Coventry, Chenango County, N. Y. He was a musician of ability, and made a state-wide reputation as leader of the celebrated Griswold Band. He was born August 13, 1813, in Coventry, Chenango County, N. Y., and was a son of Samuel and Esther (Trumbull) Griswold.

Samuel Griswold was a native of Coventry, and followed the occupation of a farmer throughout his life. His wife was born July 8, 1771, in Coventry. As a result of their union eight children were born, namely: Elnora; Electa; Samuel; Juvenal; Apollos; Egford; Orsemas; and Harry V. R., the subject of this personal history. Mr. and Mrs. Griswold were active workers in the Baptist Church. She passed to her eternal reward, January 26, 1826, at the age of fifty-five years; he died in 1842. He was a prosperous man and one of Coventry's most respected citizens.

Harry V. R. Griswold received his education in the district schools, after which he devoted his attention to music. He was a talented man, and it was not long before he occupied an enviable position in the musical world. He became leader of the Griswold Band, so named in honor of him, and it gained renown throughout the state. He purchased a farm in Coventry, upon which he lived until 1883. He then retired from active life and moved to Greene, where he remained the rest of his life. In 1843 he was united in marriage with Anadine Gilmore, a daughter of Peres Gilmore, one of the pioneer settlers of Coventry. Unto them was born one son, Noyes V. E., who inherited the farm upon his father's death. He followed farming as a means of earning a competence, and was quite successful. He was joined in Hymen's bonds with Miss Lelia Spicer of Coventry, N. Y.

In politics, Mr. Griswold was an active Republican. Religiously, he was liberal, and generously supported all denominations. He



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was a well-informed and public-spirited man, and took a deep interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the public. He was a popular man and had a large circle of friends who mourned as a public loss his death, which occurred April 10, 1888.

JOSHUA PRATT, the venerable and esteemed president of the Sherburne National Bank, is a native of Sherburne township, where for two-thirds of a century he has been prominently identified with every interest that has had for its ultimate object the development of the township's natural resources, and the enrichment of all the section that is contributory to Sherburne. He is well known in this county and over the state as a banker, having been engaged as a financier and capitalist for over thirty years, thus contributing largely to the stability and prosperity of every enterprise that has had Sherburne in its field of operations. Sagacious and energetic in business, in him are united just the requisite elements of conservatism and enterprise that go to make up a well balanced business man. Integrity of conduct has characterized all his business dealings, and has given him the reputation for straightforward dealing that he so richly deserves. He is a man of diversified talents, and no matter what the venture, he has generally been able to figure out a reasonable profit. Success has attended him in his efforts to accumulate property, and to rise to a prominent position in the world of finance.

Mr. Pratt was born October 18, 1810, in

Sherburne township, and is a son of Joshua Pratt, Sr., who was born in Spencertown, Columbia County, N. Y., and settled in the town of Sherburne about 1800. Joshua Pratt, Sr., started out in life in agricultural pursuits, and was interested in a farm known as the Ladd place, which he cleared from the original growth of timber, and cultivated for a number of years, until about 1804, when he removed to the village of Sherburne, where he built a store on the present site of the Pratt Block. There he launched out into mercantile business, keeping a general country store, and was the leading merchant until 1833, when he was succeeded by his sons, Joshua, Jr., and Walstein. His articles of merchandise were hauled from Albany on wagons, for that was before canals and railroads had simplified the matter of transportation, and had brought remote portions of the country into intimate relations, thus facilitating business to an extraordinary degree. He also owned and conducted an ashery. The farm, now owned by Talcott Pratt, was among his possessions, and received no small share of his attentions. After he disposed of his store to his sons, he engaged in the forwarding business; he owned three canal boats, and shipped out farm produce from this section, and brought in manufactured goods of all descriptions, and also the agricultural products of other sections. Active, energetic, and astute in business, it was an easy matter for him to accumulate property and lay by a competence. His last years were spent in retirement. When he came to Chenango County he was accompanied by his father, also named Joshua, who lived with

his sons William and Frederick until he was called Home. His wife, our subject's mother, was Jemima Talcott, and their children were as follows: Caroline, who married Dr. Devillo White, now deceased; Adaline, who died young; Julia Ann, who became the wife of Seth Kershaw; Adaline (2), who married Mr. Sutliff; Mary Eliza, who died in girlhood; Joshua, Jr., our subject; Talcott; Walstein; Elisha; and Charles.

The subject of this writing attained a fair degree of culture in the district schools and in Cazenovia Academy, in the meantime building up a splendid physique by hearty work on his father's farm, thus laying the foundation of the excellent health that he has enjoyed. At sixteen years of age he became a clerk in his father's store, and so continued until 1833, when, with his brother Walstein, he bought the store and stock, and was engaged in merchandising until 1859 or 1860, when he sold out and went into the forwarding business. In 1862, with a capital of \$50,000.00, under the firm name of Joshua Pratt & Co., he opened a state bank in his father's old store, and met with great success. This institution was succeeded, May 4, 1865, by the Sherburne National Bank, with a capital stock of \$100,000.00, which latter bank came into the patronage built up by the parent institution, and furthermore increased its sphere of influence and activity as the years went by, so that to-day there is no more solid or highly regarded bank in the county. In times of depression or panic, it has bravely held its own, and has never lost its stockholders or depositors one cent, a result, in large measure, due to its president,

Mr. Pratt, who has managed its finances ever since the first, his policy, therefore, being at all times the policy of the bank. In 1869, Mr. Pratt had the old store moved to another location in the village and remodeled into a house, while the original site was utilized for the handsome three-story brick block that was erected in the same year, which is a credit to the village, and is without doubt the finest building in the corporate limits. On the ground floor is located the Sherburne National Bank, the Postoffice, and a barber shop, while the second floor is divided into three suites of offices, and the third is given up to the Masonic Hall. The building is heated throughout by steam, and has the best of appointments; the counting rooms of the bank are especially luxurious and handsome, and but reflect the solid character of the institution. In 1835, Mr. Pratt built a handsome residence on Court Street; besides other village property, Mr. Pratt has owned considerable real estate throughout the county, and has bought and sold a large number of farming properties. He has ever taken a very active and intelligent interest in all improvements and in the general material progress of Sherburne; in this way he has been connected prominently with a number of large manufacturing concerns. In 1863 he became a stockholder of the Ross cotton mills, putting in \$10,000.00 at that time, which he afterward withdrew to use in other projects. He was also a stockholder and one of the promoters of the knitting mills.

In 1837, our subject married Miss Rebecca Pratt of Prattsburg, Steuben County, N. Y.; she died in 1840, leaving one child, Cornelia,

since deceased, who was the wife of Mr. Avery. Our subject's second wife was Annie Pratt of Ontario County, who is still living, and accompanying her husband in the journey of life. Four children blessed this union, of whom two are living, as follows: Grace, who married Homer G. Newton, M. D., of Sherburne, N. Y., mention of whom is made elsewhere in this Book of Biographies, in the personal history of William Newton, his father; and Carrie E., who lives at home with her parents. Mr. Pratt is a member of the Congregational Church, of which he has been a liberal as well as a devoted supporter. Those with beneficent objects appeal not in vain to him for financial aid, for he thoroughly believes in employing his wealth in the best channels, and dislikes to see want unattended to. He is a Republican in his politics, and although too busy to serve the party of his choice to any great extent, he has yet filled the office of township assessor for one year.

Mr. Pratt can successfully lay claim to being the oldest man in active business life in Chenango County, but to one who did not know that he was fast approaching the age of ninety, he appears to be but little past the prime of manhood. He has conserved his health by being methodical in both business and private life. At his advanced age, he makes a practice of being at the bank early in the morning, even before banking hours, and of remaining there till late in the day. Among his townsmen he is most highly esteemed, and there is not a man, woman or child but who is proud of the mention of the life and record of Joshua Pratt. As one of

the representative and well known citizens of Chenango County, whose connection with the commercial and financial interests of this section has been most intimate for over a third of a century, we take pleasure in presenting his portrait on another page in proximity to this.

ABEL COMSTOCK, president of the village of Smyrna, and senior member of the firm of A. Comstock & Son, druggists, is a man possessed of many commendable traits of character. He was born in the village of Norwich, N. Y., November 3, 1834, and is a son of Abel and Esther L. (Moore) Comstock.

Abel Comstock, our subject's father, was born in Delaware County, and learned the trade of a miller, which he followed for some time in the town of Delhi, N. Y. Later he moved to Norwich, and ran the Guernsey Mills, and finally he began to manufacture lead pipes. These pipes were made by the old process, the lead being drawn out through dies and sections soldered together; although the progress was very slow, it did not prevent the building up of a very large and extensive trade. He carried on this business until lead pipes came to be manufactured by patent process, which advance made the old method too slow to be profitable. He dealt with the new lead pipes until his death occurred, which was at the age of fifty-three years. Mrs. Comstock was born in East Lyme, Conn., and came to Norwich, N. Y.,

where she was engaged in teaching school. To Mr. and Mrs. Comstock were born the following children: Abel, the subject of this sketch; Mary; Bessie; William; Rachel; Emma; Charles; and one who died in infancy. These children all lived to grow up, and are energetic, thrifty citizens. Mr. Comstock was a subscriber, and one of the first trustees of the old Norwich Academy.

Abel Comstock received his education in Norwich Academy, and for eight years he clerked in the drug store of J. Mitchell. In 1864 he moved to Smyrna and bought out J. E. McClellan's store, which was the old Shepard store, which he remodeled and rebuilt. Later he purchased the old Friend Church, which he reconstructed and transformed into a beautiful home. It is handsomely situated, elegantly furnished, and is surrounded by beautiful lawns. He also owns a large, commodious tenement house, of his own erection, and conducts the only drug store in the village of Smyrna, which is complete in every detail.

Mr. Comstock married Miss Cynthia M. Thompson of Norwich. She died in 1873, aged thirty-six years, six months and twenty-eight days. She left the following children: Mary F., born in 1863 and died at the age of three months; Sarah L., born in 1864, married G. N. Wilcox and reared four children, the youngest being Sarah L., who was adopted by her grandfather; James T., born August 11, 1866, a graduate of Norwich Academy, and later a graduate of the New York College of Pharmacy, now holds a state pharmacist's license, and is a member of the firm of A. Comstock & Son,—he married Miss Ellen

Church, and one child has blessed their home, Charles; and William J., born August 26, 1869, who married Lizzie Dixon, and has one child, William. Our subject married, September 22, 1875, Mrs. Sarah J. Bennett of Smyrna, but no children have resulted from this union.

Abel Comstock is an avowed Republican. He has held various positions, such as president of the village corporation, the duties of which office are being ably and honestly discharged. Religiously, he is a most active member of the Methodist Church, and is one of the trustees, for the duties of which post he has proved himself well fitted. Mr. Comstock has been a resident of Smyrna for some years, and has a well deserved reputation for honesty and uprightness of character.

CLARK L. WEBB, the well known proprietor of the Central Restaurant of Oxford, N. Y., was born in Smithville, Chenango County, N. Y., June 21, 1858. He is a son of John S. and Mary A. (Davis) Webb, and a grandson of Merritt Webb.

Merritt Webb was born in Smithville, and there farmed during his active life. He earned an ample competency and spent the latter years of his life in retirement at Oxford. He was united in marriage with Eliza Baldwin, a native of Smithville, by whom he had twelve children. They all grew to maturity and were a credit to the various communities in which they lived; their records are as follows: Harriet married Harvey Knickerbocker of Smithville; John S. was united in



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marriage with Mary A. Davis of Smithville; George was married to Mary Hunt of Wausau, Wis.; Roxanna became the wife of Andrus Crumb of Preston, Chenango County, N. Y.; Andrew, deceased; Jane is the widow of Hiram Lewis of Oxford; Sarah is the wife of Thomas B. Harris of Oxford; Ellen is deceased; Mary; Frank, who married Irene Bartoo of Greene; Charles was united in marriage with Clara Thompson of McDonough; and Angeline became the wife of S. Moore of Oxford. Religiously, the family favored the Universalist Church.

John S. Webb, who is now enjoying a comfortable competency, obtained by his own industry and superior business qualifications, is one of the old and reliable citizens of the county. He was born and reared on a farm at Smithville, receiving his education in the common schools. It was but natural that he took up the occupation of his father and followed it for so many years. He owns a farm six and a half miles from the village of Oxford, and there he was engaged in general farming and stock raising until 1890, when he retired to the home of his son in Oxford, but still owns the farm. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Miss Mary A. Davis, daughter of Solomon Davis of Smithville, and one child was born to make their home happy, namely: Clark L., the subject of this biography. Mr. Webb is a member of the Universalist Church, and is a regular attendant. Politically, he is an active member of the Republican party, but has never accepted office, preferring rather the life of a private citizen.

Clark L. Webb was mentally equipped for

life's battles in the public schools of Smithville. Upon leaving school he became a clerk in the restaurant of Arvine Lewis and remained with him two years. He took a liking to this line of business, and being a man of careful habits, he saved enough money to buy out his former employer. That he thoroughly understands his business, is demonstrated by the fact that he was successful from the start. He also deals in ice, being the only dealer in that commodity in the village. He has the patronage of the people and has been decidedly prosperous. He bottles and sells carbonated drinks in connection with his restaurant. He is still a young man, and the manner in which he has conducted his affairs in the past points to a brilliant future.

He was united in marriage with Miss Minnie V. Loomis of Smithville, and one daughter, Berth A., has blessed their union. Mrs. Webb and daughter are members of the Episcopal Church, while Mr. Webb is liberal in his views on religion. Socially, he is a member of the Kenotah Lodge, No. 105, I. O. R. M., of Oxford.

READE E. HARRINGTON, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, is a prominent citizen and honored pioneer of Chenango County. He was born in the above county, and has assisted materially in its development and progress. He is now farming in the neighborhood of Greene village, this county, and has acted his

part well, and is receiving the honor due to those who have labored and struggled and accomplished a large part of what their ambition stimulated them to attempt. He is a son of Benjamin and Sarah A. (Barrows) Harrington, and was born on the old homestead Nov. 8, 1858.

John Harrington, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of Ireland; upon emigrating to the United States he settled in the State of Connecticut, where he remained for a short time, when he came to the village of Oxford in 1796. He engaged in farming when the land was wild and in an unimproved state; this, however, did not in any way discourage Mr. Harrington, but he energetically set about accomplishing its improvement and cultivation, and secured such results that the tract under his supervision became the most valuable property within that corporation. He was among the sturdy pioneers who took part in the Revolutionary War, by reason of which he afterward received a pension. He died in the village of Oxford at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He was twice married; to his first wife were born the following children; Joshua; John; Hillman; Ebes; Daniel; Mrs. Polly Harrington; and Mrs. Rebecca Smith.

The most of the old settlers who came here during the early part of the nineteenth century have passed to the home beyond the grave. The majority of those who came here at an early day were poor in pocket, but, possessed of an unlimited amount of energy and perseverance, and, having faith in the country, "stuck it out" and were successful. Among the number who came here was Joshua Har-

rington, the grandfather of our subject. He came to the village of Oxford with his father when he was but twelve years of age, and when he grew to manhood he began the tilling of the soil, which pursuit he continued to follow all his life. He married Thankful Harrington, daughter of Thomas Harrington, a native of Connecticut, who came to Oxford and engaged in farming. To this union nine children were reared: Lucinda, deceased, was the wife of Dennis Cooper, late farmer of Greene, this county; Melinda, deceased; David, deceased, was a prominent farmer of Greene, this county; Joshua, deceased, was a farmer of Greene; Benjamin, father of our subject; Mariette; Margaret, deceased, married James Tuttle, late a blacksmith of Greene, this county; Thomas W., a successful farmer of Greene; and Charles P., who died in early manhood. Mr. Harrington was a strong Democrat, and was a well informed man of his day.

Benjamin Harrington, father of our subject, was born in Oxford, this county, May 1, 1816, and died in Greene, January 26, 1897. He pursued the vocation of an agriculturist and was very successful; at the time of his death he was the owner of 500 acres of good farming land. He attended the schools, such as were offered in this country in those early days, and by perseverance and energy he acquired a fair business education. In politics Mr. Harrington was an ardent Democrat, and one that did not swerve from strict allegiance to the views and principles promulgated by that political organization. He stood high in the estimation of his fellow-countrymen, and was one of the most prosperous and high-

ly respected citizens of Chenango County. He married Miss Sarah A. Burrows, daughter of Simeon Burrows, a farmer formerly of Coventry, but later of Greene, this county. Three sons and three daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Harrington, namely: Mary A., wife of Floyd Wylie of Broome County, N. Y.; Benjamin F.; Eugene, a farmer in the village of Greene; Reade E., the subject of this biography; Victoria, wife of George W. Bly, a barber of Carbondale, Pa.; and Evelyn, who married Joseph Spanley, a barber of Greene.

Reade E. Harrington received his education in the district schools of his native village, and then turned his attention toward agricultural pursuits. He is at present the owner of 230 acres of well improved land, which constitute one of the best farms in the county. He dairies extensively, and has his farm well stocked with a fine herd of cattle, always keeping no less than thirty-five head.

He chose for his life companion Miss Ella O. Hunter, daughter of William C. Hunter, and they were happily married December 21, 1880. Their home was blessed by three children, who were as follows: Bernice L.; Haziel May; and Greyson H. In politics he is a conscientious follower of the Democratic party, with whose principles he sincerely sympathizes, believing they are the correct ones to follow, and aids to promote them by every means in his power. Socially, he is a member of the Eastern Light Lodge of Greene, No. 126, F. and A. M.; he is also a member of the O. E. S. of Greene, of which lodge his wife is electa. Mr. and Mrs. Harrington are highly respected in their community, and are

regarded with much esteem and respect for the honorable part they have performed in developing and improving their section of the county.

ALLEN ROCKWELL belongs to a class of men that are ever conferring benefits to the localities in which they live. Carrying on an industry at Rockwell Mills, Guilford township, that is a matter of pride to the entire county of Chenango, and furnishing work for a large number of people, he is well worthy to be placed with the representative and most prominent men of the county. The Rockwells for generations past were manufacturers of wool, and Mr. Rockwell has grown up with the business and understands its every detail, and is enabled to give to the business a most intelligent supervision. He was born April 9, 1860, at Rockwell Mills, and is a son of C. W. and Amanda E. (Scrambling) Rockwell.

Chester Rockwell, the grandfather, belonged to a family of wool manufacturers of New Haven, Conn., and when yet a young man came to South Hartwick, N. Y., where he opened his woolen mills, and devoted his life to carrying on this business, which has descended from father to son.

C. W. Rockwell, the father of our subject, was born in South Hartwick, and there grew to an honorable manhood. His brother, Erastus, had bought and was operating a woolen mill, and in 1860 he bought this mill from the brother, and until his death, in 1891, he was actively engaged in operating it. It

was practically, the first woolen mill in Chenango County, and at the time of his purchase the village consisted of but a few houses. It took its name from the industry that caused its growth and prosperity, and has since been known by the name of Rockwell Mills. Mr. Rockwell was always to be found at the front of any public spirited enterprise, and was a man who was universally beloved. He was a Republican, and for a long time served as supervisor of the town. He was a strong churchman, and for a number of years was deacon in the Baptist Church, of which he was a prominent member. He was twice united in marriage. His union with Lurana Wescott resulted in the birth of three sons and one daughter: Irene was married to O. S. Cuffman, both now deceased; Reuben Wescott was a tailor of Rockwell Mills; Howard C., is postmaster of Rockwell Mills, is a traveling salesman and also interested with his son, in the mercantile business at different points; Charles S. is an employee of the mills. By his second marriage with Amanda Scrambling, the following children were born: George D., deceased, was a member of the firm of C. W. Rockwell & Co.; Allen; and Belle, the wife of George W. McPherson.

Allen Rockwell received his education in the district schools and the Oneonta Union School, leaving the school room at the age of eighteen to begin work in his father's mills. He served there for three years, when his father took him in as a partner in the firm. After the death of his father, which occurred in his sixty-seventh year, his mother took the father's interest, and the firm now consists of

the mother and son, the business being conducted under the old name of C. W. Rockwell & Co. This mill is a three sett mill, and gives employment to about 40 hands. They manufacture all kinds of woolen goods, making a speciality of heavy goods, and special orders from large customers. They have a large trade extending all over the northern part of the Union, and their name is known to all dealers in first class woolen goods. Their trade is increasing every year, the sales for the past year being larger than that of the year previous, and the owners feel very cheerful over the outlook for the future. September 21, 1892, Mr. Rockwell contracted marriage with Miss Lina Bowen, daughter of Henry Bowen, a farmer of Guilford, and they have gathered around them a large number of friends and enjoy a most enviable reputation for kindness of heart and true bearing. Mr. Rockwell is a man of whom every one speaks well, and is admirably sustaining the reputation for straightforward, honest dealing, that was borne by a long line of ancestors.

BENJAMIN E. WIGHTMAN, junior member of the firm of Parker & Wightman, proprietors of a general merchandise store in South New Berlin, Chenango County, was born at that place August 28, 1873. He is the only son and child of Frank B. and Rozetta (Lewis) Wightman, and a grandson of Edward F. Wightman.

Edward F. Wightman is a native of South New Berlin and was born in 1833. He is a



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son of Benjamin Wightman, a native of Connecticut, who came to this county and took up a tract of Government land on Great Brook, two miles north-west of South New Berlin village. Benjamin Wightman died there in 1868, at the age of fifty-four years. Edward Wightman has spent most of his life on the old homestead, where he followed the occupation of a farmer. In 1885 he retired from active life and moved to the village of South New Berlin, where he has since resided. He was united in marriage with Margaret Beardsley, by whom he had two children, whose names are as follows: Elizabeth is the wife of Norman Brown, and they make their home in New Berlin; and Frank B., the father of our subject. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a regular attendant. He is an old and respected citizen, and has many friends who join in wishing him many more years of happiness.

Frank B. Wightman was born on the old homestead in 1852, and has lived there all his life. He has a farm of 160 acres of good farming land, and has always tilled the soil. In politics, he sides with the Republicans. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Miss Rozetta Lewis, and one son was born to make their home happy. He is one of New Berlin's energetic and progressive farmers and has a large number of friends.

Benjamin E. Wightman went with credit through the district and grade schools of his native town. He then took a course in the business college, and graduated in 1891. After clerking one year in a store, he in partnership with Mr. Parker entered the mercantile busi-

ness. They have a good, large store building, with a frontage of forty feet and a depth of sixty. They carry the best goods in the village, and have a full line of dry goods, gents' furnishings, and boots and shoes. Everything about the place has an appearance of neatness and order, that speaks well for the management. They have been very successful and have acquired the best trade in the town.

Mr. Wightman was united in marriage with Bertha Sargent, a daughter of H. F. Sargent of South New Berlin, on July 8, 1893. They are the proud parents of one son, Guy J. In social circles he is a member of Norwich Lodge, No. 46, Knight Templars, and of Tribe No. 362, Improved Order of Red Men. Mr. Wightman is an intelligent and enterprising young man, and has a bright future before him.

 **G**EORGE DOUGLAS, M. D., a retired and respected citizen of Oxford, N. Y., whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, was born in Franklin, Delaware County, N. Y., May 7, 1823. He is a son of Hon. Amos and Miriam (Wright) Douglas. The Douglas family dates its origin as far back as the Eleventh Century; the first Douglas that settled in America was one William Douglas, who landed in Boston, Mass., but later moved to New London, Conn., where he built the first frame house, which stood until 1865.

William Douglas, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Plainfield, Conn.,

August 22, 1743. After his marriage in 1766 to Hannah Cole, of Canaan, Conn., he moved to Stephentown, N. Y., where he became a large land owner. He reared a family of seven children, namely: Benjamin; William; Eli; Hannah; Deidamia; Amos, the father of our subject; and Abiah. Religiously, he was a supporter of the Presbyterian Church. He was captain of one of the companies in the Revolutionary War, and took part in the battle of Bennington, Vermont, August 16, 1777. He died December 29, 1811. His wife preceded him to the home beyond the skies December 24, 1795.

Hon. Amos Douglas was born in Stephentown, N. Y., June 21, 1779, and graduated from Williams College in 1798. He then took up the study of law in Albany, N. Y., and was admitted to the bar in 1801. In the following year he went to Franklin, N. Y., and followed his chosen profession, and soon gained a wide reputation as one of the most able attorneys in the county. In his political attachments, Judge Douglas was a Democrat, but prior to becoming a member of that party he was a most ardent Federalist. He came prominently before the public eye through the bold stand he took in advocating the principles of his party, and for eleven years he held the office of county judge. He was married August 24, 1812, to Miriam Wright, daughter of Aaron and Martha Wright of Northampton, Mass. To Judge and Mrs. Douglas were born seven children: Amos; Harriet; Juliet; Eliza M.; Edward; George; and James. Judge Douglas passed from this life March 19, 1857. His wife died May 19, 1846.

Dr. George Douglas received his education in the Delaware Literary Institute of Franklin, N. Y., and graduated from that school in 1840. He read medicine for some time and then entered the University of New York, graduating in 1845. In 1846 he began to practice his profession in the village of Oxford, which proved a very successful field. Following that line of business until 1877, he moved to Brooklyn, N. Y., where he remained two years, and then returned to his former home, where he has since been engaged very little in the practice of medicine.

He has been twice married. On February 14, 1858, he was married to Ada E. Frink of Fabius, N. Y., and they reared one child, Ada E., who married John A. McDonald of Boston, Mass. Mrs. Douglas died March 8, 1864, and the Doctor then married Jane A. Mygatt, daughter of William Mygatt of Oxford, N. Y. He mourned the loss of his second consort November 24, 1894. Religiously the Doctor is a member of the Presbyterian Church. In politics, he casts his vote with the Republican party. Professionally, the Doctor is a member of the New York State Medical Association; the American Medical Association; and the Chenango County Medical Association. In 1871 the Doctor was elected an honorary member of the California State Medical Society. He was a member of the Centennial International Medical Congress held in Philadelphia in 1876. He is ex-President of the Rocky Mountain Medical Association. He was a member of the World's Medical Congress held in Washington in 1887. In 1890

he was a delegate from the American Medical Association to the World's Medical Congress, which assembled in Berlin, Germany. Dr. Douglas was a member of the first Pan-American Medical Congress held in Washington, D. C., in 1893.

FRANCIS G. CLARKE, vice-president of the First National Bank of the village of Oxford and owner of one of the largest quarries in his section of the county, was born in the above village November 22, 1830, and is a son of Ethan and Rachel (Case) Clarke, the former a native of the State of Rhode Island, while the latter was born in Germantown, Pa.

Henry Clarke, the grandfather of our subject, was a Seventh Day Baptist clergyman, and was born in the State of Rhode Island. He moved to Brookfield, Madison County, N. Y., where he took charge of a church, and remained there several years. He was joined in the bonds of matrimony with Miss Katherine Pendleton, who was born in Westerly, Rhode Island. As a result of this union ten children were reared. They were as follows: Henry; Phebe; Sarah; Olive P.; John V.; Elizabeth M.; Ethan, the father of our subject; Catherine; Joshua; and Samuel R. Mr. Clarke was called to his well-earned rest March 22, 1831. Mrs. Clarke passed to the unknown beyond, September 4, 1824.

Ethan Clarke, the father of our subject, was educated in his native village, and upon completing his schooling, which was in 1820, he engaged in the hotel business at Oxford.

He also was engaged in running stage wagons, a business he found very profitable. Later he embarked in the mercantile business, and did a thriving business for some thirty years afterwards. The last twelve years of his life were spent in retirement. Politically, he was an old time Whig and took an active part in the political affairs in his community. September, 5 1814, he was joined in Hymen's bonds with Miss Rachel Case, and they were the parents of eight children, who were as follows: James W.; Elizabeth A., the wife of Rev. Dr. Van Ingan; Dwight H.; Ethan, who married Elizabeth Mickel; Hannah H., who was joined in matrimony with George McNeal; Peter W.; John R.; and Francis G., the subject of this biography. In religious views he and his family held membership in the Episcopal Church. He died in 1857 at the age of sixty-eight years. Mrs. Clarke entered the world of rest August 25, 1854, aged sixty-two years.

Our subject received his elementary education in the common schools of his native town and then took a course in the academy at Oxford. Completing his schooling at the age of fifteen years, he began to clerk in the store owned by his father. At the age of twenty-four years he purchased a half interest in his father's store, and was successfully engaged in mercantile business until 1892, when he retired from that business, and is now a special partner in the firm of Corbin & Smith. Since 1882 he has operated a quarry of blue stone, which is said to have no equal for building purposes. The quarry is now carried on by Mr. Clarke and his son, and since 1893 they have had an annual output of

stone that amounts in value to \$125,000.00 per year. They dress the stone and otherwise prepare it for the market; owing to its good quality it needs little or no advertising, and is used in thirteen states. He employs 125 men on an average the year around.

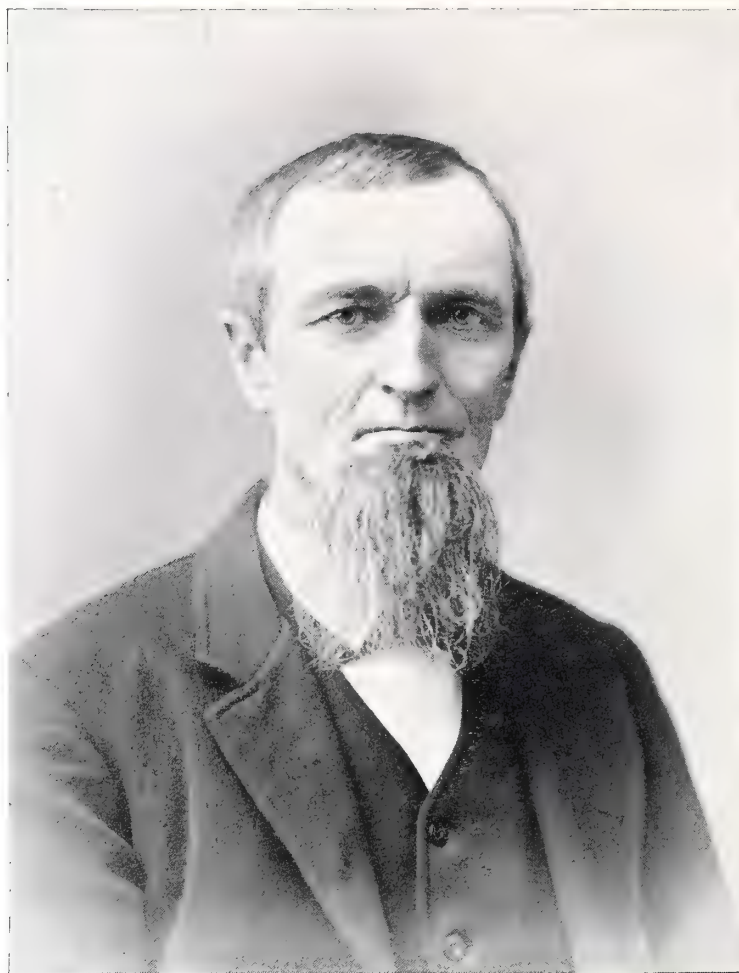
Our subject has been twice married; to his first wife, Clara Maria Bockee of Norwich, N. Y., with whom he was joined in matrimony in 1860, four children were born, namely: Herbert W., who married Margaret Staunton of Oxford; James W. is a clergyman at Utica, N. Y.; Francis B., who died September, 1863; and Henry B., who died in 1889. In 1884 Mr. Clarke married Laura B. Chapin of Canandaigua, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke are both active and popular members of the Episcopal Church and support the church of that denomination in Oxford. Politically, Mr. Clarke is identified with the Republican party, whose principles he believes to be the best of any existing political organization.

HARVEY IRELAND, an enterprising business man of Bainbridge, Chango County, is a son of Nelson and Mary E. (Johnson) Ireland, and was born four miles west of the village of Bainbridge, November 10, 1843.

The ancestor of our subject, who was of English birth, emigrated to this country before the Revolutionary War and settled on Long Island. As far as is known, he sympathized with the Tories, and because of his lack of patriotism for his new country

it was made so hot for him that he returned to his native country, leaving his family behind. His family, in order to escape the many evils of a city, moved, up the river and located at Poughkeepsie. Later they went still farther up the river, and at one time were living between Albany and Saratoga, on what is known as Ireland's Four Corners. Grandfather James Ireland, with his two brothers, Jacob and Thomas, came to the western part of Bainbridge and each settled on a farm. In his younger days he was a mason by trade and carried on an extensive business. In his religious views he was a strong Methodist. His home was headquarters for pioneer Methodism, and all traveling ministers found a hearty welcome at his fireside. He was a leader among his early pioneer settlers, and was known as a generous and kind-hearted man. He married Miss Lydia Ingersoll, and a large family of children was reared: Job; Isaac; Stephen; Harvey; Nelson, the father of our subject; William; Polly; and Margaret.

Nelson Ireland was born in Bainbridge in 1818, and was reared on his father's farm, where he acquired the vocation of a farmer. He was the first man to introduce Oxfordshire blooded sheep into the county, and was one of the up-to-date, scientific, successful farmers, whose business netted him a handsome competency. He was also an extensive dealer in stock, and was the owner of 275 acres of highly improved land. He married Miss Mary E. Johnson, who was born about 1823, a daughter of Seth Johnson. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ireland was blessed by five children: Harvey; Ursula (Strong),



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who lives in the village of Bainbridge; Aurelius, who died at the age of twenty-one; Luella, the wife of Charles Root of Guilford, this county; and Justin, who died aged seven years. Religiously, Nelson Ireland was a member of the Methodist Church. In politics he was an ardent Republican and did much for the success of his party. He was a public-spirited man and had the faculty of being a good speaker, having made many political speeches in the exciting political campaigns of those days. He passed from this life on his forty-seventh birthday, April 3, 1865. His memory is held in high esteem by his friends, who knew him as an honest, upright, Christian man.

Harvey Ireland, the subject of this personal sketch, received his education in the common schools and at Oxford Academy. His youth was mostly spent in aiding his father in running the farm, and at the age of twenty-one he took charge of the farm, and for five years he carried on general farming, after the estate was settled. In 1870 E. H. Orwin founded the Bainbridge Republican, which was sold February 1, 1871, to Harvey Ireland, who remained with it and built up a large circulation, until January 1, 1894, when he sold it to the present owners and managers, Henry A. Clark & Son. At that time it was the only paper in this section of the county, and in connection with the paper Mr. Ireland did a large business in job printing. In 1871 he was engaged in the harness business in Bainbridge, which he continued to run until October 6, 1897, when he sold his establishment. Politically, he has always been a Republican, although he is somewhat

inclined to be independent in his actions. He has never sought office, although he has held the position of trustee of the village for a number of years. Mr. Ireland has led an active and energetic life, and his enterprising spirit has been felt in all the movements to advance the business and social interests of his native village.

GEORGE H. SAGE, a prosperous agriculturist and dairyman of the town of New Berlin, was born in the above town, May 2, 1837, and is a son of Daniel Sage, grandson of Daniel Sage, Sr., and great-grandson of Benjamin Sage.

The Sage family is of remote Scandinavian descent; the name was spelled "Saga," but when the Norsemen conquered Normandy, and overran France, the final "a" was changed to "e," thus making the present name—Sage. The name as it appears first in English history is found upon Battle Abbey Roll, year 1066, A. D.—the roll made by William the Conqueror after the battle of Hastings, when he divided the English lands among his own followers,—the spelling there being "Sageville." As a mark of distinguished favor, a coat of arms was granted by the king. The coat of arms is surmounted by grain, fruit and flowers, indicating that the Sage family was then, as it is now, an agricultural people. The motto is "Non Sibli,"—"Not for ourselves."

David Sage, a native of Wales, born in 1639, emigrated to the American Colonies in 1652, settling in Middletown, Conn., where

he died in 1703. He was the founder of the American branch of what is now a very numerous family of Sages, among whom may be found men distinguished in every avocation of life—judges, lawyers, clergymen, college professors, physicians, army and naval officers, statesmen, merchants, manufacturers, and mechanics; but a vast majority of the family have followed the tranquil and peaceful pursuits of agriculture and husbandry.

Daniel Sage, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Connecticut in 1756, and in 1803 came to the town of New Berlin, settling on a tract on Great Brook, where, after passing through the usual experiences incident to a pioneer life, he passed away in 1852. He was prosperous and successful for those times, owning a farm of 200 acres on Great Brook. He served in the War of the Revolution, and three of his sons fought for the Stars and Stripes in the War of 1812. He married Sybil Jewett of Rensselaer County, and had the following family: Sylvia, born in 1779; Erastus, 1784; Faith, 1786; Betsey, 1788; Simeon, 1789; Abigail, 1791; Jewett, 1793; Daniel, 1795; and Nathan, 1800.

Daniel Sage, the father of our subject, was born in 1795, as noted above; from Rensselaer County he came with the family to New Berlin township, and settled on Great Brook, where his decease occurred. He made no mistake when he adopted the pursuit of farming as his life occupation, for the natural aptitude he had for that vocation, combined with the earnest efforts he put forth to achieve success, conspired to make him a very prosperous man and an extensive land-owner, for at the time of his death he could point to 800

acres of land that he had acquired. He was a man of great force of character, and proved himself a model citizen of his township. He was a Democrat, when it came to allegiance to party. He married Eliza Burton, by whom he had nine children, five sons and four daughters, who grew to maturity, as follows: Sylvia, born in 1831; Richard, 1832; Olive A., 1834; Lois, 1836; George H., 1837; William H., 1840; Augustus, 1843; Emeline, 1848; and Daniel B., 1854.

George H. Sage, the subject of this biography, is a descendant in the sixth generation from David Sage, mentioned previously, who came from Wales in 1652, and settled in Middletown, Conn., where he figured prominently among the earliest settlers of that town. Our subject was reared in his native town, and has always resided within a mile and a half of his present home, which is just on the outskirts of the village of Holmesville. He has never allowed his attention to be distracted from farming and the correlative industry of dairying, and has continued soberly and staidly to live the free, independent life of an agriculturist. He has achieved success at his calling, and ranks with the most progressive citizens. He owns a farm of 167 acres, well-improved, and farmed according to the most generally accepted methods; the homestead has a comfortable farmhouse and other commodious buildings, suited to the size of the farm, and the character of the farm-products. Mr. Sage has also been interested in the manufacture of cheese. He has ever acted with the Democratic party, but has not held any political office.

On January 7, 1864, Mr. Sage married

Harriet E. Trass, daughter of Gilbert and Sallie (Scott) Trass of Preble township, Cortland County. Six children have resulted from this union, as follows: Burton S., born March 25, 1865, a farmer of the town of Butternuts, Otsego County, married Nettie Greene; Edward, born June 10, 1869, is a butcher of the village of New Berlin—his wife is Hattie Fisher; Grace, born June 12, 1872, is the wife of Charles A. White, a farmer of the town of Norwich, Chenango County; Lena, Oct. 9, 1875; Daniel, Feb. 22, 1877; and Harvey, Nov. 11, 1884. The last three live at home with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Sage are devoted to home and home interests, but they have a large circle of friends, who delight to enjoy their ready hospitality. Portraits of both our subject and wife appear on preceding pages in proximity to this.

JAMES L. BERRY. This energetic and enterprising citizen of New Berlin is carrying on the business of fancy groceries and crockery, and is meeting with great success. He is a son of Rev. James M. and Amelia (Casler) Berry, and was born in Clarksville, Otsego County, N. Y., October 29, 1864.

Rev. James M. Berry was educated in the common schools of his native town, and after completing his elementary education he pursued a further course in theology in Madison University at Hamilton, N. Y., graduating from that institution in 1862. The first two years were spent in the study of law, but

later he decided upon the ministry, and there completed his theological education. Upon leaving school, he spent the first five years preaching in the Baptist Church in Otsego County. In 1867, he went to Green Valley, Tazewell County, Ill., where he remained two years, when he went to Matamora, Ill., where he became principal of the schools in that place; he then spent four years at De Kalb, Ill., and in 1877 he returned to the Empire State, and was stationed at North Brookfield, Madison County. In 1881 he took up a pastorate in Chenango County, and two years later moved to Richmondsville, Schoharie County, N. Y., where he remained seven years. He organized the church at Cobleskill, N. Y., and solicited the funds for the erection of the church sanctuary. He was united in marriage with Miss Amelia Casler, and two children blessed their union: James L., the subject of this biography; and Matilda C., wife of R. H. Berringer of Richmondsville. Since Mr. Berry took charge of his present pastorate at Otsego, N. Y., he has been very successful, and has had his zealous efforts for the good and betterment of the community crowned with the best of results. His work is well planned, and he is able to accomplish much because of the large amount of experience that he had had in religious circles. Broad in his views, sincere and outspoken in his attitudes on living questions that concern the life and welfare of the people, and zealous and earnest in all to which he sets his hand and his heart, he is a man whose influence is felt on all sides, and is one who will leave a lasting impression on his community.

James L. Berry, whose biography is herein set forth, received his early mental training in the schools of South New Berlin. Leaving school at the age of seventeen, he entered the store of F. Van Valkenberg, a leading merchant of South New Berlin, and remained in that gentleman's employ for six months, when he went to Richmondville, and worked in the feed store of J. C. Smith. In 1885 he worked for D. Y. Drue, and remained in the service of that merchant two years, when he found employment in the dry goods store of his father-in-law, Hobart Babcock. After the death of Mr. Babcock, he and C. B. Babcock were appointed as appraisers to settle the estate. In 1893 he engaged in the grocery business with E. R. Curtis, under the firm name of Curtis & Berry. In 1895 he purchased the interest of Mr. Curtis and continued business under the name of J. L. Berry & Co., the present style of the firm. He deals in fancy and staple groceries, teas, coffees, and fruits and vegetables in their season. In December, 1894, he was appointed postmaster, an office he has filled to the satisfaction of the people. His political views are pronounced in character and make him a strong Democrat. In church preferences he adheres to the Baptist Church. Socially, he is a member of the Winnebago Tribe, No. 362, Improved Order of Red Men. He was joined in marriage with Miss Abia H. Babcock, June 24, 1885. Their only child, Anna M., was born May 6, 1889. In the life of Mr. Berry we find an example for young men, who are just embarking in the voyage of life, of what may be accomplished by a man beginning poor, but withal honest,

prudent and industrious. In early days he enjoyed but few advantages, his school days were limited; neither had he wealth nor position to aid him in starting in life. He relied solely upon his own efforts and his own conduct to win for him success. He has ever strictly observed that most important factor in the successful public or business life of any one,—honesty. He is a careful, conscientious and methodical business man, and in the commercial field he is known to be a man of undoubted integrity and substantial ability.

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RANSOM M. IVES. As a representative of the agricultural class, and one who has met with more than ordinary success in the prosecution of his independent calling, we take pleasure in mentioning Ransom M. Ives. He is pleasantly located on his farm in the town of Guilford, where he may be found almost any day, engaged in the general routine of a farmer's life. He is an adopted son of Morris A. and Octaria (Salisbury) Ives, and was born in the town of Guilford, August 18, 1865.

Ransom Hovey, the father of our subject, was born and reared in the town of Guilford. He is engaged in agricultural pursuits, and owns a small farm near Guilford Center. He was united in marriage with Miss Mary Tripp, and two sons were born to them, namely: Wilbur T., a farmer of the town of Guilford; and Ransom M., the subject of this personal history. Two weeks after the



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birth of her second son, Mrs. Hovey passed to her Eternal Reward. Morris A. Ives and his loving wife, having previously lost their only son, agreed to adopt the motherless infant and bring it up as they would one of their own. Mr. Hovey's second marriage was with Imogene Birch, by whom he had five children, who are as follows: Edmund, who is in the railroad business in Guilford; Camelia, who is the wife of Fred Bartle, a merchant of Oxford; Jennie, who was married to Herman Richards, a farmer of Guilford; and twins who died in infancy.

Abraham Ives, the grandfather of Morris A., was born in the State of Connecticut, and while there followed the trade of a stone mason. After his marriage, he came to the State of New York, locating in the town of Guilford, Chenango County, in 1800. He settled on the farm now owned by our subject, and engaged in farming. He was the progenitor of four sons and five daughters, one of whom was Abraham, the father of Morris, who was born on the farm at Guilford.

Morris A. Ives was born on the old Ives homestead, April 30, 1821, and there followed farming until 1878. He then retired to a small farm near Guilford Center, where he lived the rest of his life in peace and comfort, enjoying the competency earned in early life. He died December 1, 1881, at the age of sixty years. He was an upright and honest man, and performed all the duties of a good citizen. He was bound in Hymen's bonds with Miss Octaria Salisbury, and six children blessed their union, namely: Maria, the relict of John Burlison; Minnie,

who is the wife of James Marsh; Elizabeth, who married Andrew Burton; Harriet, Rozilla and an infant son are deceased. Mr. Ives was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Ransom M. Ives was two months old when taken into the home of Mr. Ives, where he received the love and attention that Mrs. Ives bestowed on her own children. He was reared on the farm and attended the district schools. He then took up the occupation of a farmer, and in 1890 took charge of the old Ives homestead at Guilford, where he has since remained. He has charge of ninety-four acres of good farm land, well stocked and supplied with convenient out-buildings. He farms according to the best methods and uses improved machinery.

He was united in marriage with Fannie Dorman, a daughter of David Dorman, October 30, 1888. David Dorman is a retired farmer, and is now engaged as agent for the Bronze Monumental Co. of Bridgeport, Conn., and also as agent for a number of firms in handling farm implements. He is an attendant of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry. Mr. Ives is a young man but thirty-three years of age, and his prospects for a long and useful career are bright.

HENRY A. GATES, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, was one of the first men in this section to become identified with any movement tending to benefit the agriculturist; was

president of the Chenango County Agricultural Society for three years, and is still a director of that body. He was president of the Farmers' League, an organization that had for its object the mutual benefit of the members. He has always taken a prominent part in all the agricultural affairs of the county, and is an intelligent, wide-awake farmer, having the interest of the community at heart. He is one of the largest land owners and most influential men in Chenango County, and lives on his spacious farm of 280 acres in the town of Norwich. On this farm he first made his acquaintance with the world, April 14, 1838, his parents being Aaron B. and Rowena (Hall) Gates.

Simeon Gates, the paternal grandfather, coming from Rhode Island, settled in the town of Norwich with his wife and little ones and purchased a large tract of land. Many years were spent by him in clearing this farm of its heavy growth of timber and getting it in a state suitable for cultivation. During the latter portion of his life he kept a tavern in the building now occupied by our subject, and then known as the "A. B. Gates Inn." His family consisted of the following children: Simeon; Newman; Simon; Rathbun; Aaron B.; and Ruth (McNitt).

Aaron B. Gates was but four years old when his parents came to this county. When he grew to mature years he kept the inn formerly run by his father, and in connection with it carried on farming. He bought and sold considerable land during his lifetime, and at his death owned his father's farm of 265 acres. He was a Whig and Republican

and served as supervisor. He was a member of the Baptist Church and a zealous worker for the cause. He was a trustee, and it was a rare thing for him to be absent from divine service. At one time he was a member of the old state militia. He was united in marriage with Rowena Hall, who bore him six children: Aaron Dwight; Jane Rowena; Phœbe Augusta; John H.; Ruth Eliza; and Henry A., our subject, who was the youngest. Aaron B. Gates died at the age of seventy-nine years and two months. His wife passed away in 1882.

Henry A. Gates made his first start in the world as a school teacher, beginning when but sixteen years of age, teaching during the winter and helping his father in the summer. His early education had been received in the common schools and Norwich Academy, and he taught for six years, his last school being in 1860-61. At that time the cloud, which had so long threatened our country with disaster, broke, and he took up arms for a united government and the relief of the unfortunates in the South. In October, 1861, he enlisted in the 61st Reg., N. Y. Vol. Inf., Co. G., of Gen. Sumner's Corps, and served under McClellan in the Army of the Potomac. The members of the regiment were mustered into the Federal service at New York City, and went into winter quarters near Alexandria, Va. In the spring of 1862 they marched toward Manassass Junction, where Mr. Gates was taken sick and for two weeks was confined in the hospital, near Alexandria. After his recovery he again rejoined his regiment, and went with them to Ship Point. There he, with the

rest, was obliged to wade from the vessel to the shore when they landed, and he contracted a heavy cold, which again resulted in a severe spell of sickness, probably superinduced by his previous illness and his weakened condition. He was examined and pronounced to have pulmonary consumption, and received his discharge for disability. He was second lieutenant and commissary, and had served but six months when he was released from service and returned home, where careful nursing and attention overcame his malady, from which he entirely recovered. He returned home in the fall of 1862, and then took up his residence in Bridgeport, Conn., where he remained four years, engaged in the livery, sale and boarding stable business, after which he returned to Norwich, and for two years lived on the farm with his father, when he once more entered the livery stable business, this time in New Haven, Conn., continuing there for four years. He succeeded his father on the homestead, and has since made it his home, owning 280 acres of land. He has dealt extensively in live stock, buying and selling large numbers of horses and cattle and finding it a fruitful source of profit; but his time is now devoted to his farming and dairy interests, and they well repay him for the labor and care bestowed. His dairy consists of fifty-five cows, from which he derives much satisfaction as well as profit. He is also the owner of a fine farm of 300 acres in the town of Pharsalia, which he leases for dairy purposes, large quantities of butter being made on it annually.

Mr. Gates chose as his companion through

life Miss Julia A. Wood, daughter of Nelson O. Wood, to whom he was married July 6, 1863, and to them were born four children: Hattie, who died at the age of four years; Grace, living at home; Jessie B., deceased; and Aaron B., who is at home finishing his education. Mr. and Mrs. Gates are attendants of the Baptist Church, to which they belong. Our subject has been a Republican, but in 1896 cast his influence and vote for the silver party, voting for William Jennings Bryan. He was formerly a member of the Knights of Pythias, but withdrew from the order, and at present finds his greatest pleasure in the home circle.

WILLIAM H. PACKER, a representative agriculturist of the town of Preston, is a son of James Biglow and Achsa Lee (Turner) Packer and was born in the town of Preston, at Preston Corners. The family name is of English origin.

William Packer, the grandfather, was born in Stonington, Connecticut, and when a boy came with his father, William Packer, and located near Preston Corners. He afterwards lived in the village for a short time, and was a resident of the town until his death. He was a stock dealer and farmer by occupation. He was a very strong Whig and later an enthusiastic Republican, holding very decided views and taking an active part in political discussions. His wife's maiden name was Abigail Mason, and they reared four children: Abigail; Emily Bowen; William K.; and James Biglow. They were

attendants of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died at the good old age of eighty-seven years.

James Biglow Packer first saw the light of day at Preston Corners, as did the rest of the family. He was a man who possessed a good business education, and was employed as a teacher for a portion of his early life. Finding that teaching school did not give sufficient scope to his energies, he turned his attention to farming, and for twelve years devoted his time to that and stock dealing. He owned the farm in Preston, now in the possession of William H. Packer, our subject, and operated it part of the time when he was living in the village. In 1876 he removed to the village of Pitcher, where he died, February 26, 1893. He sided with the Republicans in political belief, and in religion, he was a Congregationalist, belonging to the church of that denomination at Preston Center. He was married three times, the first wife being Minerva Hartshorn, by whom he had two children: Emily A.; and Minerva E. He next married Achsa Lee Turner, who bore him three children: William H., our subject, and two that died in infancy. Mrs. Packer did not long survive her two children, dying at the age of thirty-seven years. Mr. Packer was a third time united in matrimony, the bride this time being Artelissa Blackman, who was the mother of one child: Lynn B.

William H. Packer, our subject, was educated in the public schools of Brockport, N. Y. After leaving school he began farming on the old homestead, where he had always lived, and where he now owns 165 acres of fine farm land. He carries on general farm-

ing, believing that a farmer is more apt to make a success with a diversity of products than he would if he devoted all his ground to one or two crops. He was married February 26, 1878, to Mrs. Frances Ellinette Baldwin, a widow, who by a former union was the mother of one child: Grace M. Baldwin; and this union was blessed by the advent of two children: Achsa Emily; and Minerva Ellinette S. Mrs. and Mr. Packer are attendants of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and do much for the advancement of the cause. He has always been quite an influential Democrat and active in the workings of that organization. His friends have recognized his great executive ability, and have prevailed upon him to accept several offices, such as road commissioner, assessor, poormaster, and at the present time he is the efficient justice of the peace of the town of Preston. The strictly conscientious manner in which he has discharged the duties of these various posts has proved beyond a doubt that his fellow citizens' confidence in him has not been misplaced.

DR. R. H. PHELPS, one of the leading physicians of the town of Norwich, was born in the above town, August 7, 1869. He is a son of Hamilton and Anna (Keyes) Phelps, and grandson of Elisha Phelps. The name is of English origin; the ancestors of the family, upon coming to this country, settled in the State of Massachusetts. The first authentic history we have of the family is of one William Phelps,



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a native of Massachusetts, who with two brothers, Pliny and Joseph, at an early date, about 1794, came to New Berlin, this county. They are supposed to have been the first of that name to settle in this section. Elisha Phelps, the son of William, was a farmer by occupation, and was also engaged extensively in lumbering and rafting. He was the father of seven children, three sons and four daughters.

Hamilton Phelps was born in New Berlin, October 12, 1823. He received a good education in the public schools of his native town and in Norwich Academy, and then taught for some years, when he made his choice of a profession for his life work. He took up the study of law, and was admitted to the bar, September 5, 1848. He opened an office and practiced law in his native town for forty-five years. He was a special county judge of Chenango County in 1863, and served as deputy collector of internal revenues for some years; he also served as justice of the peace for several years. He was married to Miss Anna M. Keyes, and they reared two children, Minna B., and R. H., who heads the above lines. Mr. Phelps is now a retired citizen of Norwich.

Dr. R. H. Phelps graduated from Norwich High School with the class of 1887, was assistant bookkeeper in the David Maydole Hammer factory two years, and then entered the Medical Department of Syracuse University; graduating from that department in 1894, he spent one year in securing the requisite experience in St. Joseph's Hospital of Syracuse. Returning to his native town he engaged in his chosen profession, and soon

built up a large practice. Politically, he is an avowed Democrat. He is a member of the Chenango County Medical Society and secretary of that organization.

KINYON TERRY, a leading agriculturist of the town of Norwich, is a son of Thomas K. and Nancy D. (Shaw) Terry. He resides on the old Terry homestead, a farm which has belonged to the Terry family for generations, and which was the place of his nativity, October 11, 1834. The family is of Scotch origin, the great-grandfather having come from Scotland and settled in Rhode Island, where he spent his last years.

Elnathan Terry, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Rhode Island, leaving that state for New York, and settling in the township of Norwich, Chenango County, in the year 1804. He was a man who, for that day and age, attained a superior education; a man of bright intellect, he was a keen observer of passing events, and an incident once impressed on his memory was never forgotten; he was well informed on all general subjects, and could converse intelligently upon them. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Chenango County, coming here when the country was an almost unbroken tract of wild woodland, over which beasts of the forest roamed, in great part unmolested; the neighbors were miles apart, and the only surety of not getting lost in the wilderness was in following "blazed" trees. He bought 150 acres of heavily timbered land, only two acres being cleared, and im-

mediately set about the improvement of his property. He worked steadily at this, with the assistance of his sons, and at his death had cleared 115 acres. Some of the trees had attained an immense growth, measuring twenty-one feet in circumference. He was a soldier of the Revolution, and bore several saber marks, which were plainly visible up to the time of his death. One of the most highly prized heirlooms, now in the possession of Mr. Terry, is the old musket willed to him by his grandfather, who carried it, when he gave his assistance to America to throw off the British yoke. Elnathan Terry was a deeply religious man; he was a deacon and one of the founders of the Baptist Church, at Norwich, known as the Free Will Baptist Church. He was a very zealous worker, and gave both time and money for the cause so dear to his heart. He was married to Mary Kinyon, and reared the following children; Joannah; Esther; Ursula; Salinda; Elnathan; Thomas K.; and Alanson. Elnathan Terry died at the age of eighty-four years, after a long and useful life.

Thomas K. Terry, the father of our subject, was but four years old when his father moved from Rhode Island to New York; when he reached more mature years, he helped in clearing the farm, and was in fact his father's main help. After his marriage he took up his abode on the land which he had helped to clear, and which had been his father's home for so many years. He carried on general farming, and added several acres to the original 150. He was twice married, his first wife being Nancy Shaw, the mother of the following children; Harriet (Wals-

worth); Phebe M. (Harris); Sarah A. (Marion); Cordelia N. (Bradley); Ursula, who died at the age of seventeen; Maria M. (De Lavan); Kinyon; and Byron Shaw, who was a student for the ministry when the war broke out, having prepared to enter college, which he would have done had he not entered the service of his country. He joined the Christian Mission Commission, and in that work his health suffered severely, as he was unable to withstand the rigor of the Southern climate, with the sad result that he contracted malarial fever, from which he died soon after leaving the service. Thomas K. Terry was an old line Whig. He was a devout Christian, a member of the Baptist Church, and one of the most active and energetic workers in that organization. His family early had instilled in their minds the true religion, as laid down by the teachings of Christ, and it was their aim to make it the rule of their daily life. They were regular attendants of the Church and Sunday School, and he had the satisfaction, enjoyed by few, of raising a large family, and knowing they were all members of the flock of the Good Shepherd. He died in 1874, at the age of seventy-four years; his wife, the mother of our subject, died at the age of forty-seven, in 1847. She was a true help-mate to her husband, much of his success in life being due, in a great measure, to her help and encouragement.

Kinyon Terry is a man of undoubted intelligence and energy—traits no doubt largely inherited, as his ancestors, both paternal and maternal, were people widely known for their superior mental attainments. His ma-

ternal grandfather, John Shaw, was a native of Rhode Island, in which state he received his education, taking a college course, after which he entered the Baptist ministry, preaching first in Pennsylvania, afterwards in Lebanon, Madison County, this state; he was the first minister of the Chenango Valley, and at the time of his death was pastor of the Baptist Church, at Willet, Cortland County. He was engaged in the Christian ministry fifty years, being seventy-four years of age at his death, which occurred in 1858. He was married, when a young man, to Phebe Manchester, and this union was blessed by a large family of children: Nancy, mother of our subject; Harriet; Phebe; Hannah; Orpha; Orlinda; Betsey; John; and Thomas. Grandmother Shaw was a woman of remarkable vitality, living to the age of ninety-six years. Her daughter Nancy was a great church worker, being active in all the departments, but especially so in the musical circles of the church, and the choir. The great-grandmother of our subject, Phebe Manchester, mother of the Phebe Manchester named above, was an author of considerable reputation upon subjects of nature and travel, as well as upon religious topics. Some of her works were published in pamphlet form, and were widely circulated. It is a pleasure to be permitted to chronicle the romantic meeting of grandfather Terry and the maiden who was to become his life partner, Mary Kinyon. She was a member of the village choir, and her bright face and attractive manners attracted the notice of the young man, who sought and obtained an introduction. The acquaint-

ance thus formed proved in no wise disappointing, as it led to friendship, love and finally matrimony. They were not wanting in pluck, and when they moved from Rhode Island, they came overland with their three little children, driving a pair of three year old colts—a journey which would make us hesitate a long time before undertaking, at this day. Grandfather Terry carried in his pocket \$1,000.00, with which he bought a farm, paying cash, as he was never known to go in debt.

Kinyon Terry is a graduate of Norwich Academy, having taken the full academic course. In addition to this, he devoted seven years to teaching, part of the time in the district schools of neighboring towns, and also in Palmyra, Jefferson County, Wis. He then purchased the old homestead, a farm highly prized on account of having been in the possession of the family for so long a time, and carried on general farming, adding to his estate, until at present he is the owner of 205 acres of as fine farm land as can be found in the community. Mr. Terry has some very fine blooded stock on his farm, stock of which any man might be proud. He keeps a dairy of thirty-five cows, his herd being composed of fancy stock Guernseys and Durhams. He has given much thought and attention to the dairy business, and for five years bred the Ayrshire cattle, then the Jersey and Durham for fifteen years, but finds the Guernsey the best breed by far for the dairy. His stables contain some very fancy, high-priced horses, and he has made a great financial success of the business; he has always taken great pride in his horses, and has raised some

Morgans and Hambletonians of which any man might be proud, as they are in demand, and command very fancy prices. He sold one colt for \$300.00, which afterward sold in New York for \$2,000.00. Everything on his farm is of the best; even the sheep are thoroughbreds, being Southdowns and Shropshires. Everywhere about the premises are to be found the same evidences of care, and the desire to excel in whatever is undertaken, and so it is not to be wondered at that Mr. Terry is looked up to by his neighbors as a model business man and farmer. For many years he has been connected with some manufacturing company; at present he is representing the Appleton Machinery Co. of Batavia, Ill., handling all kinds of farm machinery. He has sold goods for that company for seven years, occasionally going on the road, but the bulk of his trade consists of home patronage, selling for the season of 1896 two car loads of their machinery.

Mr. Terry has been united in marriage three times; his first wife being Elvira Gleason, whose death occurred in 1866, after five short years of happy married life. In August, 1867, he married Naoma Van Patten, a daughter of Nicholas V. Van Patten, a farmer of Sterling, Cayuga County. This marriage resulted in three children, only one of whom is living,—Elvira Naoma, who is a highly accomplished young lady, a member of the class of 1892 of Mt. Holyoke Seminary, Mass., but on account of poor health was not permitted to graduate; Edna May died at the age of four years; and Kinyon died at the age of eight months. In 1872 Mr. Terry was united with Miss R. A. Lyon, a daughter of

Benjamin T. Lyon, one of the oldest settlers of this county, and a resident of Sherburne. She was the mother of one child, which blessed their home for a short space of time, but when this bloom had scarcely reached its fifth year, it was taken to blossom in the garden of the Lord. In politics Kinyon Terry is a Republican, and has held many minor offices. He is a member of the Chenango County Farmers' Club. Mr. and Mrs. Terry are both communicants of the Calvary Baptist Church of Norwich, of which he is president of the board of trustees. He has held every office in the organization, and has always taken an active and prominent part in its councils. Mrs. Terry is at present clerk of the church, and they are both untiring in their work for the Master. As an excellent representative of the best class of agriculturists and stock raisers in Chenango County, it is but fitting that a portrait of Mr. Terry should accompany this sketch, and it may be found on a preceding page.

JOHN M. ALBEE, a carpenter and farmer of Bainbridge township, is a son of John and Mary Ann (Ball) Albee, and was born in Colchester, Delaware County, N. Y., March 28, 1828.

His grandfather, Emery Albee, was reared in the State of Massachusetts. John Albee, the father of our subject, was born in Massachusetts, December 27, 1800; after attaining his majority, he moved to Monticello, Sullivan County, N. Y., thence to Delaware County, and thence to the State of Pennsyl-

vania, settling in Susquehanna County. In connection with farming, he followed the trade of a stone mason, in which he was very successful. He was joined in wedlock with Miss Mary Ann Ball, and a large family of children was born to them. They are as follows: John M., the subject of this sketch; William, an old bachelor, who resides in Sullivan County, and follows the carpenter trade; Horace, a resident of Susquehanna County; James, a carpenter and joiner of the town of Walton, Delaware County; Lorenzo D., a prominent farmer in Colchester; George, a paper hanger, and a resident of Susquehanna County; Thomas, also a resident of Susquehanna County, and paper hanger; William, Lorenzo and George, all of whom served in the late Civil War; Clarinda, the wife of Paige Lyman, a resident of Great Bend, Susquehanna County, Pa.; and Abigail, wife of Charles Huff, of Susquehanna County, Pa.

John M. Albee was married to Miss Clarissa Thomas, daughter of Aaron and Margaret (Miles) Thomas. She was born in Broome County, October 18, 1822. Her father was born November 18, 1791, and her mother was born September 12, 1794. Their children were: Polly, born September 10, 1812, the wife of John Reckhow; Phebe, born June 19, 1815; Lucy Ann, wife of Nelson Baker, a resident of Great Bend, Susquehanna County, Pa., who died October 2, 1897; Truman, born February 12, 1821; and Clarissa. Mrs. Albee was first married to Leman Guernsey, and to them one child was born, Leman T., February 23, 1845, who married Miss Georgianna Hilton of Omaha, Neb.;

after her death he married Miss Frankie Vail of Susquehanna, Pa., and his third wife was Cecilia Mills. They now reside in Los Angeles, Cal., where Leman T. Guernsey is a large land owner and real estate dealer; he is also president of the Redondo Beach R. R., which runs between Redondo Beach and Los Angeles. He began his fortune-making as a fruit dealer in Binghamton, N. Y., and in 1888 he moved to California, where he followed the same occupation. He is a very successful, thrifty business man, and has won many friends by his honest ways of dealing. Politically, he is an avowed Democrat.

To Mr. and Mrs. Albee were born the following children. William Morrison, who was born January 13, 1854, learned the calling of a bookkeeper and married Miss Jeanie Stephenson of St. Louis, Mo.; they now reside in Los Angeles, Cal., where he is secretary of the Water Company, also treasurer of an insurance company, and of two churches; Ida A., born April 2, 1856, died at the age of eighteen years; Edgar A., born March 16, 1858, is a resident of Los Angeles, a painter by vocation; Helen J., born October 22, 1860, is the wife of William E. Tupper, a prominent hardware and plumber merchant of Binghamton, N. Y., and Carrie E., born November 4, 1862, who is the wife of William D. Evans, a well-to-do farmer of Bainbridge. John M. Albee, the subject of this personal sketch, received his education in the district schools of Delaware County. He learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner, and has followed it ever since; he has also carried on general farming in connection with his chosen profession. Polit-

ically, he is an ardent Republican, and has never sought public distinction. During the late Civil War he was messenger boy on the railroad, and was stationed at Alexandria, Va. He takes an interest in the Sturucia Lodge, No. 423, I. O. O. F., of which he is one of the members. Religiously, he is a member of the Methodist Church.

The mother of our subject was born in Philadelphia, and was a daughter of Stephen Ball, who was a wealthy man. Her grandfather, Stephen Ball, was a native of England, and was a first cousin to General George Washington. Mrs. Albee had two uncles who fought in the Revolutionary War, one of whom, Aaron, was killed in battle. Her grandmother on the maternal side, Elizabeth Barry, was captured by the Indians while living in the Mohawk Valley, and was carried to Canada, where she was held a captive for two years. At the time of her capture, or immediately before, she hid her silverware, and upon her return she found it safe where she had placed it. Two of her children were also captured, leaving behind her husband and two sons.

HENRY G. CARR, an honored resident of Chenango County, and proprietor of a drug store in Afton, is a gentleman of great enterprise and energy, and one who has met with well-merited success. He is a native of Bainbridge, this county, and was born November 6, 1844. He is a son of John and Cordelia (Hoag)

Carr, and grandson of Peleg Carr. Peleg Carr occupied a prominent place in the solid agricultural interests of Laurens, Otsego County, N. Y. In 1856 he passed to the unknown beyond, being seventy-five years of age. He was the progenitor of a family of ten children, four sons and six daughters.

John Carr was born at Laurens, Otsego County, N. Y., December 25, 1811. After obtaining a liberal education in the district schools, in 1843 he came to what was then called South Bainbridge. There he purchased a tract of land and soon became one of the foremost farmers in that section of the county; he also dairied extensively and met with great success. Mr. Carr departed this life April 22, 1872, mourned as a kind father, a loving husband, a generous, warm-hearted neighbor, as well as one of the foremost citizens of Chenango County. In politics he was a staunch supporter of the Republican party, and he had decided opinions upon all the leading questions of the day, whether of local or general interest. He was justice of the peace and assessor at one time. He was married to Cordelia Hoag, daughter of Justus Hoag of Laurens, Otsego County. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Carr was blessed by two sons and two daughters, who were as follows: Henry G.; Justus H., who died October 19, 1887, from the injuries received in a railroad accident; Ida E., deceased; and John R., a conductor on an electric street railroad of Aurora, Ill.

Henry G. Carr received his education in the public schools of Afton, where he has since lived the greater part of his life. He spent his early life on the old homestead,



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assisting his father until he was twenty-six years old. In 1878 he engaged in the drug business, handling a full line of drugs, medicines, and also stationery; prior to that time he clerked in different stores in the village of Afton. His store is well situated in the village, is neatly arranged, and he does a thriving and prosperous business; he is careful and accurate in compounding medicines and filling prescriptions, and therefore possesses the entire confidence of a large patronage.

Mr. Carr married November 4, 1868, Mary Grover, daughter of William Grover, and they are the happy parents of three children, namely: William H., a tinsmith, who married Clara Greig; Frank L., station agent at Cadyville for the Chateaugay R. R.; and George H., who is a music teacher. Politically, Henry G. Carr is identified with the Republican party, and has served as town clerk and treasurer of the village corporation. He is a member of the Afton Lodge, No. 360, F. & A. M.; Vallonia Chapter, No. 80, R. A. M. He is also a member of the Susquehanna Lodge No. 185, A. O. U. W. Mr. Carr is leading a quiet and unostentatious life as a good citizen, a kind neighbor and generous friend, and filling his place in life as the promoter, to the best of his ability, of every good work and purpose socially, morally, and politically.

FRON. JOSEPH BUSH, deceased, was one of the prominent and influential citizens of Chenango County, and a leading member of the agricultural class.

He was a descendant of the sturdy old Dutch race, his paternal grandfather, Elnathan, being a native of Holland. Elnathan Bush, upon coming to this country, settled in the State of Massachusetts, where he remained until 1790, when he moved to Bainbridge, Chenango County, with a family of four children, of whom the father of our subject was the youngest. They came through the unbroken forest as far as Cooperstown, and there built canoes which carried them down the Susquehanna to a point one mile from Bainbridge, where the Bush homestead is located. The tract upon which they settled consisted of 250 acres of timber land, and by many years of unceasing toil it was brought up to its present state of cultivation, making it a very valuable piece of land.

Joseph Bush was born on the old homestead, February 23, 1823, and was the youngest of seven children born to his parents. He was intellectually equipped for life's battles in the common and select schools of his native town, and was also greatly assisted by his brother, who was a graduate of Hamilton College. Until he reached manhood, he was surrounded by all the best influences of home life, and thus the foundation of a long and successful career was formed. His inherited energy and adaptability to business did not suffer him to remain quiet, but forced him to push out among his fellow men. In 1852, he engaged in lumbering in Upper Canada, and followed that industry for five years. In 1859 he was nominated as Member of the Assembly, and his popularity was shown by the fact that of the votes cast he received all but sixteen. In the Assembly he was on the

Ways and Means committee and took an active part in obtaining assistance from the state for the construction of the Albany & Susquehanna R. R.; materially aiding the project with his wealth and influence. After his term in the Legislature had expired, he went to New York City and dealt in real estate with splendid results. He was a man of fine presence, a good judge of character, and peculiarly fitted for all the affairs of life. In 1870, he returned to the farm, which he personally conducted until his death. The life of Mr. Bush forms a striking example of what industry and determination may accomplish. He made profitable investments, became interested in remunerative enterprises, won honorable success in business, and secured considerable wealth as a product of personal industry and good judgment put forth in fields wisely selected.

In political life he was a zealous adherent of the Republican party, having been a member of that organization since its inception. Prior to that time he was an ardent Whig. He was one of the founders of the First National Bank of Bainbridge, and his influence was at all times exerted in behalf of public enterprises, which have resulted in much good to the community. In connection with the business transactions of a remarkably industrious career, he gave due attention to the cultivation of his mind and the gratification of naturally fine tastes. After nearly two years of suffering, death overtook Mr. Bush, on Monday, January 25, 1897. At different periods in his illness he rallied, and his strong constitution would assert itself, only to sink back again. During the declining years of

his life, every care and attention was bestowed upon him by his relations and friends, who had known him for so many years, and loved him as a kind neighbor and a true friend. A portrait of Mr. Bush appears on a preceding page in proximity to this.

WILLIAM J. WILDMAN, a young and progressive business man and a member of the firm of Wildman & Jaquith, proprietors of the leading mercantile store of South Otselic, was born October 3, 1870, in the village of South Otselic. He is a son of Albert and Alice (Nhare) Wildman, and a grandson of John Wildman.

John Wildman was a resident of Pitcher Springs, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. His wife's maiden name was Baldwin, and they reared a family of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters. Religiously, he was an active member of the Baptist Church, and liberally supported that organization.

Albert Wildman was the fourth son born to his parents, and first saw the light of day at Pitcher Springs, Chenango County, N. Y. He spent his boyhood days on the farm, and received his mental training in Cincinnati Academy. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he left the farm and enlisted in the 76th Reg., N. Y. Vol. Inf., and served with the Army of the Potomac. He was in many fiercely contested battles, some of which were the most important in the war. In the battle of Chancellorsville he received two severe wounds, and was unable to perform

his duties for some time. At the close of the war he returned home, and engaged in the mercantile business at Pitcher for a short time. Then he and his brother, John, bought the store in South Otselic, which is now owned by A. D. Wilbur. After a few years' time they found it necessary to build a larger building, as their trade had grown so fast they could not carry an extensive enough stock. They built a larger building on the site, where our subject's store now stands, and had it heavily stocked with a fine line of goods. They had conducted their new store about six months, when it caught fire and burned to the ground. Although greatly discouraged, they rebuilt and restocked it and carried on a good paying business until 1878. Albert Wildman then purchased his brother's interest in the store, and conducted it alone until his death in 1883. He was courteous and agreeable in private life, and in business circles was highly esteemed as a man of strict integrity, who fully deserved the success with which he met. His first marriage was with Miss Alice Nhare, a daughter of Jacob Nhare, who was a painter and lived in South Otselic. One son, William J. our subject, blessed their union. His second union was with Miss Juliette Dorrance, who still survives him. Religiously, he was a faithful member of the Baptist Church. In political belief, he was a staunch Republican.

William J. Wildman attended the public schools of his native town, after which he took a course in the Syracuse Business College. At the time of his father's death he was not yet of age, so his stepmother was

appointed his guardian and administrator of the estate. She conducted the mercantile store until our subject became of age; after which important point in his life he had charge of it for four years, and then took in W. E. Jaquith as a partner in the business. They have a large, well-stocked store and carry a full line of dry goods, carpets, clothing, ladies', gents' and house furnishings. They fully understand the wants of their many customers, and the standard of goods carried by them is of the highest. The store is neat, everything is carefully systematized, and everything possible is done for the accommodation of the patrons.

Mr. Wildman formed a matrimonial alliance with Miss Lilian Taylor, October 5, 1897. She is a daughter of Frank Taylor, who is a prosperous farmer and a respected citizen of the town of Pitcher. Mr. Wildman is a firm supporter of the principles of the Republican party, and believes that they are the principles upon which the prosperity of our country depends. He is a progressive and public-spirited man and is interested in all public improvements. It was mainly through his efforts that the Business Men's Association was organized. He is one of the most prominent members and was chosen president. This association was organized for the purpose of advancing the business interests of South Otselic, and it has for its motto: "Co-operation in working for the business interest of the village. The soliciting of new industries. The taking up and pushing forward of any object believed to be for the general benefit of our village and community." This association, though in

the first years of infancy, has been instrumental in organizing the Cemetery Association, and the Union Free School. It certainly has a bright future before it. Mr. Wildman was one of the organizers of the Merchant's Gas Co., of which he is the treasurer. He is also financial officer of the Union Free School, and of the Baptist Church.

DWIGHT MORGAN LEE, M. D., deceased, became a resident of Oxford, Chenango County, N. Y., in the spring of 1867, and by his natural talent, genial manner, and evident adaptation to the profession which he had chosen, was not long in securing an excellent practice. He was considered one of the leading physicians of the village, and possessed all the good qualities which constitute a progressive citizen, and consequently a valued one. He was a son of Rev. Hiram Wise and Miranda (Bacon) Lee, and grandson of Abner Bacon Lee. The latter was a captain in the Revolutionary Army, and took an active part in the battle of Bunker Hill, and for his valor he was promoted to a position on Washington's staff.

Hiram W. Lee was a native of New York State; after leaving the public schools he studied for the ministry, and after a few minor charges he began preaching in the Congregational Church at Cincinnatus, N. Y. Eight years later he moved to Triangle, thence to Bainbridge, and at last to Laurens, Otsego County, where he remained eight years. He married Miranda Bacon, a native

of the State of New York, and they reared the following children: Martha; Charlotte; and Dwight M., subject of the biography. Mrs. Lee died in 1888.

Dwight M. Lee was born January 25, 1843, in Georgetown, N. Y., and was educated in Cincinnatus Academy; in 1863 he graduated from Hamilton College, at Clinton, N. Y., from which institution he received a degree of A. B. Prior to this he studied medicine under Dr. D. J. Ressegieu, and at the same time attended two courses of lectures at the University of the City of New York, graduating December 27, 1864. He became assistant surgeon of the 22nd Reg. N. Y. Vol. Cav., in the spring of 1865, and was mustered out of service in August, 1865. In September, 1865, he returned to his native county and settled in Smithville Flats, and followed his chosen profession for two years. In March, 1867, he moved to Oxford, where he practiced until his death.

He chose for his life companion Miss Elizabeth E. Gleason, daughter of John R. and Susan S. (Hough) Gleason, and their family consists of the following children: Charles D.; Hiram A., deceased; Zaida B.; and Walter C. Charles D. Lee married Johanna Bayer of Breslau, Germany. He is a concert singer and a teacher of music, having studied music with Herr Stockhausen, at Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany. Zaida B. Lee is a teacher of music at the Clinton Liberal Musical Institution of Fort Plain, N. Y. Walter C. Lee is now a student at Yale University. Dr. Lee was a member of the Congregational Church. Politically, he was a stanch Republican. He served as health



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officer from 1870 to 1891; was a member of the pension examining board two terms; and president of the board, from 1889 to 1893; and in 1892 he was president of the corporation of Oxford. Dr. Lee was a member of the Chenango County Medical Society; Medical Association of Central New York; Medical Society of the State of New York; and was past master and past high priest of the Masonic Lodge and Chapter, and a member of the Commandery. Dr. Lee was cut down in the prime of life, and was deeply lamented by the community, which could not well afford to lose so valuable a member. He left to his sons the heritage of an irreproachable life and an honorable name.

ENEAS L. ENSIGN, M. D., a prominent physician of Oxford, Chenango County, N. Y., was born in the village of Pitcher, September 8, 1830. He is a son of Solomon and Irene (Terrill) Ensign, and a grandson of Solomon Ensign.

Solomon Ensign, Sr., was born in Hartford, Conn., and at an early day came to Chenango County, locating at Pitcher. He brought his possessions by means of ox teams, and endured many hardships *en route*. He was one of Pitcher's earliest pioneer settlers and lived to see it become quite an important place. He was a cooper by trade, but he was mainly engaged as an agriculturist.

He was united in marriage with Elizabeth Chandler, and they became the parents of four children, whose names are as follows: Samuel; Solomon, the father of our subject; Betsey; and Anna. In political belief, he was an

unswerving Democrat. Mrs. Ensign died in 1848, at the age of seventy-seven years, and her husband survived her seventeen years, dying in 1865, at the age of ninety-five.

Solomon Ensign, the father of Dr. Ensign, was born in 1794, and obtained his intellectual training in the common schools of his native town. Like his father, he took up the trade of a cooper, but devoted most of his time to agricultural pursuits. He was a prominent man in political circles and held many offices of trust. For thirty-two years he was justice of the peace, was a member of the board of supervisors for fourteen years, and served as county judge for six years. For one term he was a member of the State Assembly in 1846, and was school commissioner of the town of Pitcher a great many years. In his political views, he was a Democrat, and believed that the principles of that party were the principles upon which the prosperity of the country depended. He enlisted as a private in the War of 1812, and was later promoted to the position of corporal. He fought in a number of important battles, and has a record as a warrior of which his descendants may feel proud.

In 1816 Mr. Ensign was bound in the holy bonds of wedlock with Irene Terrill, daughter of Elias Terrill, a native of Naugatuck, New Haven County, Conn., but at that time a resident of Pitcher, N. Y., and they were the parents of the following children: Albert, deceased; Samuel; Cornelia; William; George; Betsey, who died at the age of twelve years; Eneas L., the subject of this biography; and Elias. Religiously, they were members of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Ensign

passed away in 1865, aged sixty-six years, and her husband died twelve years later.

Dr. Eneas L. Ensign attended the common schools of Pitcher, after which he studied medicine with Dr. D. H. Hulbert for a time. He then studied two years with his brother, Dr. Samuel Ensign of Cortland. He entered the Albany Medical College of Albany, taking a thorough course and graduating in 1856. His first field of practice was in McDonough in 1857, remaining there until 1883. His health failed him and he was obliged to give up his large practice there and seek recovery in foreign lands. After spending 1883 and 1884 abroad he returned to his native land and located in the village of Oxford. He has remained here since and enjoys a large and lucrative practice. Dr. Ensign is a highly educated man and thoroughly understands all the intricacies of his profession. He is a friend as well as a physician to his patients and enjoys the friendship and confidence of the many people in the community.

He was united in marriage with Mrs. Alcinda (Randall) Fields of Norwich, and three children have blessed their union, namely: Charles L., a dentist of Syracuse, N. Y.; Clarinda L., deceased, married Frank N. Barney of Syracuse; and Carrie L., deceased. In politics, the Doctor is a Prohibitionist. In religious belief, he is an earnest member of the Congregational Church. Professionally, he belongs to the Chenango County and the New York State Medical Associations. We take pleasure in presenting on a preceding page a portrait of Dr. Ensign, executed from a very recent photograph.

GRANT H. MYERS. Among those who have contributed largely in energy and in means toward the development of their native country's resources, Grant H. Myers takes a prominent place. He was born in the town of Columbus, Chenango County, N. Y., Oct. 29, 1866. He is a son of John O. and Eunice A. (Kingsbury) Myers, grandson of Oliver O. and Charity (Lowe) Myers, and great-grandson of Oliver and Sally (Ladd) Myers.

Our subject's great-grandfather, who was one of Connecticut's pioneer residents, when hardly more than a boy in years, moved to and settled in the town of Columbus, this county. This section of the country being uninhabited, there was offered to the earliest settlers an opportunity to purchase large tracts of land, hence he became the owner of 300 acres, where Warren Myers now resides. Mr. Myers was twice married, and to his first wife, who died young, were born four children: Oliver O.; Oramel; Gardner; and Sherman. His second wife's maiden name was Hall, and they became the parents of three children,—Olive, Sally and John. Mr. Myers was an old-time Whig, and took an active part in the advancement of his party's affairs. He was elected supervisor, and later was elected justice of the peace, which office he filled to the entire satisfaction of the community. Religiously, he was a Universalist. Mr. Myers died at the advanced age of eighty years. In all his relations with the public, his actions were prompted by pure motives and a desire for the general good.

Oliver O. Myers, subject's grandfather, was born in the town of Columbus, this


county. He made his first purchase of a farm in the town of Sherburne, which tract of land he soon after sold and bought a farm in the town of Columbus, where Charles Thompson now resides. He also sold this farm in turn and bought the Price farm, consisting of 250 acres, upon which our subject now lives. After the purchase of this farm, he immediately set to work toward its improvement. In 1853 he built a part of the present barn, it being the first basement barn ever built in the town. He also set out one of the finest and largest orchards in his section of the county. This orchard was set out from seeds saved and planted by his wife. He built the house which still remains upon the farm. Taking it all in all, Mr. Myers owned one of the best improved farms in the county. He was also a successful dealer in horses and cattle, bringing into the town large droves and selling them to the farmers and merchants. After carrying on this occupation for some years, he retired to Columbus Centre, where he bought a small home. His life was characterized by devotion to principle, earnestness of purpose and exemplary action. He died at the age of seventy-eight years. His wife was called Home when seventy-nine years of age. She was a daughter of John and Ruth (Seamons) Lowe. John Lowe was born in the town of Albany, and was a son of J. Thomas Lowe. Mr. Lowe settled in the central part of the town and built a commodious hotel. He also was a dealer in flour, salt and feed, and did an extensive business. To Mr. and Mrs. Myers were born two children, John O., the father of our subject, and Ruth A.

John O. Myers was born on what is now our subject's farm, which he inherited at the death of his father. Mr. Myers carried on general farming and dairying until his death, which was in 1894. His wife, who is at present living at New Berlin, was a daughter of Sandford Kingsbury. To Mr. and Mrs. Myers were born the following children: Grant H., our subject, and Hattie E., who married S. B. Pope of New Berlin, N. Y., and bore him one child, Theral.

Grant H. Myers early in life began to deal in stock. He was associated with Mr. Simmons and Mr. Gehan of Sherburne. For six years they were engaged in shipping live stock, a business venture in which they were very successful. At the death of his father he inherited the old homestead, and is at present devoting all his time to farming. Mr. Myers' farm is stocked with forty head of grade and thoroughbred Hollister cattle. He has made many improvements upon the farm, having remodeled and enlarged its buildings.

Our subject married Miss Helen Williams, daughter of Marvin and Mary (Simmons) Williams. Marvin Williams was born in the town of Columbus, and was a son of Foster and Roxanna Williams. Foster Williams was among the first to locate in the town of Columbus, having moved from Connecticut with oxen and team. He cleared the farm where Wallace Simmons now lives. To Mr. and Mrs. Foster Williams were born three,—Seth; Catherine, and Marvin. Mr. Williams died at the age of fifty-five years, and Mrs. Williams died at the age of eighty-seven years. Marvin Williams had the farm

of his father, now owned by Foster H. Williams, and carried on general farming until his death, which occurred at the age of forty-two years. He was one of Columbus' oldest settlers. Mr. and Mrs. Williams were blessed with a household of three children,—Foster H.; Grant; and Helen, our subject's wife. Politically, Mr. Myers is an earnest, outspoken Republican. He has served his fellow-citizens as committeeman, is serving his third year as assessor, and was elected supervisor in 1898. Mr. Myers has been and is yet a very industrious and energetic man, and much of his success in life is due to those characteristics. He has been a resident of Chenango County all his life, and has a well-earned reputation for honesty and uprightness of character. In short, few men in the county are more respected than Grant H. Myers. Socially, he is a Mason, belonging to Sherburne Lodge, No. 444, F. & A. M.

 SCAR G. BELL. The Norwich Pharmaceutical Company, of which Mr. Bell is president, is one of the most important manufacturing industries in the County of Chenango. The laboratory and main office is located in the village of Norwich, with salesrooms in New York City, at No. 51 John Street, and traveling salesmen in twenty-five states in the Union, besides agents in South America and Canada. The business was established under a partnership in 1885, and was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York in 1890. It has had a rapid and continuous growth, due

both to the superior quality of goods manufactured and the enterprise and energy of Mr. Bell and the other officers of the company.

The subject of this sketch was born in Boonton, New Jersey, December 23, 1857, and is a son of Horace and Hulda Bell, who were of Scotch ancestry. He was educated in the common schools of New Jersey, and in 1874 commenced his business career as a drug clerk in Boonton, his native place. After two years' service there, he removed to Smyrna, Chenango County, New York, where he was clerk in a drug store two years, returning to Boonton in 1878 to accept a position as bookkeeper in a silk mill. In 1880 he came to the village of Norwich and entered the drug store of T. D. Miller, where he remained as prescription clerk until 1885. In that year the Norwich Pharmacal Company was organized, with Mr. Bell as one of the firm. In 1890 the business had grown to such proportions that the company was incorporated, and took a leading place among the pharmaceutical industries of the Eastern States. The officers of the company are: O. G. Bell, president; T. D. Miller, vice-president; and C. S. Norris, secretary and treasurer. Their manufactures, which include a large line of proprietary articles, ointments and pharmaceutical preparations, have acquired a national reputation. Unguentine, a surgical dressing, made by this company from a formula discovered by Sir Astley Cooper, has a large sale in nearly all the civilized countries of the globe.

The plant consists of several large buildings, fitted with machinery of a special type



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and design, made expressly for the company. The main building is a structure of three stories, with ground dimensions of 100 by 30 feet. The building devoted exclusively to the manufacture of pills is 24 by 64 feet, two stories in height. The boiler house is 38 by 24, and the engine room 20 feet square. The new office building, containing also the advertising department, and the experimental laboratory, is 22 by 34, three stories.

Mr. Bell is a Republican in politics, and a member of Norwich Lodge, No. 302, F. & A. M. He is known and respected as a man of splendid business qualifications, unquestioned integrity and progressiveness rarely excelled.

HORACE P. BREED of Norwich, Chenango County, who is represented with a photograph on the opposite page, is a man of varied business interests, and is the proprietor of one of the best kept farms in the county. He is a son of William R. and M. Caroline (Packer) Breed, and was born January 29, 1845, in the town of Norwich, this county.

Elias Breed, the grandfather, was born in the State of Connecticut. He came to this county in 1810 and located on a farm in the town of Norwich, where he speculated in live stock and attended to the cultivation of his land. He was a Democrat and a member of the old militia. His wife's maiden name was Polly Randall, and six children were born to them, four sons and two daughters. He died in 1855.

William R. Breed was born in this state and was educated in the common schools. He was a Democrat in politics. He was a member of the Baptist Church and was a faithful worker in its service. He married M. Caroline Packer, and to them were born five children: Edward E.; Horace P., our subject; George D.; M. Caroline (Mrs. Howard Bennett); and William R. Mrs. Breed entered the eternal city, March 6, 1886, and was followed by her husband, March 26, 1895.

Horace P. Breed attended the common schools when a lad, and later received an academical education. Upon leaving school he entered the employ of the St. Paul & Pacific R. R., and continued with them for eighteen years, making his home in St. Paul, Minn. He then came East and constructed the line of railroad, running from Rondout to Stamford, N. Y., known as the New York, Kingston & Syracuse R. R. He then returned to St. Paul and served as general superintendent of the St. Paul and Duluth R. R. for four years. He then thought to give his attention to some other branch of industry, and engaged for two years in the lumber business in Minneapolis. The next four years he did railroad contracting in the same place. He then returned to Norwich and bought the farm, which he still cultivates, proving himself to be a farmer of skill by the results obtained. His property is a fine piece of land and he gives it the best of care, its neat, tidy appearance attracting the attention of even the casual passerby. He also handles railroad and street car stocks, making it a side issue with his farming.

Mr. Breed married Ella Wescott, a daughter of G. R. Wescott. She died, leaving two children, I. W. and William R. He then led to the altar Elizabeth Harvie, who was a daughter of Peter Harvie. This wedding took place in 1895, and their home is the center of attraction to their many friends who know the fires of friendship are ever burning on its hearthstone. Mr. Breed is a Democrat, and while he is always interested in politics, yet in local matters he gives his vote to the best man regardless of party. While living in St. Paul he became a member of the Masonic fraternity.

BURR C. CAMPBELL, one of the prominent citizens of Bainbridge, engaged in pursuits of an agricultural nature, was born November 1, 1832, in the town of Bainbridge, on a farm situated on the river above the village.

His grandfather, John Campbell, was pressed into the naval service by Great Britain, but sympathizing with the Americans, he deserted the ship before landing and swam ashore. In Schoharie County he married Miss Anna Mastern, and after living there for some time, they, with their children, came down the Susquehanna River, and settled near Bainbridge in 1789; there he purchased a farm of 150 acres in the same year, and lived until his death. Part of the farm is located on one side of the river, and the other part on the opposite side of the river. He reared a large family of children, who are as follows: John, born October 16,

1781; Elizabeth, born October 3, 1784; Margaret, born March 15, 1787; Mary, born October 9, 1789; Archibald, born February 7, 1793; Anna, born June 1, 1796; Daniel W., father of our subject, born January 25, 1800; and Peter.

Daniel W. Campbell was born on the old homestead farm on the Susquehanna River, and after he became the owner of this estate, he built a house and located on the east side of the river. For many years he used to conduct lumber rafts down the Susquehanna River into Pennsylvania, and later he took up general farming on the old homestead. He was formerly an old-time Whig, but upon the formation of the Republican party, he joined its ranks and took an active part in the affairs of that party, until he was overtaken by death in 1885. He was united in matrimony with Miss Rachel Fisk, and they were the parents of five children: Emily Augusta, born August 21, 1826, married Lorenzo Moody, who lives at Winters, Cal., where he served as the first postmaster; Brinton P., deceased; Burr C., the subject of this history; Arthur D., deceased; and Charles H., deceased.

Burr C. Campbell was reared upon the old homestead, and lived upon it until the spring of 1892, when he rented his farm and removed to the village of Bainbridge, where he built him a fine residence, in which he now lives. He married Mary E. Pettis, December 9, 1857, and to this marriage have been born two children: Mary Eugenia, born July 21, 1863, is the wife of J. D. Bristol, a well-to-do farmer of Bainbridge, and the mother of one child, Mary, eleven years of

age; and Janette H., born January 15, 1865, who married E. H. Copley of Unadilla, a farmer by vocation. Mr. and Mrs. Copley are the parents of four children—Edna; Burr C.; Mabel; and Gladys. On April 3, 1872, our subject was again united in marriage, the bride being Miss Helen McLean, a daughter of Harvey McLean of Guilford, this county. She was born April 6, 1843.

During his early manhood, Mr. Campbell was engaged as a teacher, at which calling he was very successful, having kept up his studies until he was one of the best posted and best read men of the town. Politically, he is a stanch Republican, and has taken an active part in local affairs. From the time he was twenty-one to within a few years ago he had served on the election board, as supervisor, and was elected the last superintendent of the public schools of the town of Bainbridge. He is a man of wonderful resources, great executive ability and untiring energy.

AUGUSTUS S. EDDY was born in the town of Greene, Chenango County, N. Y., September 17, 1845. His boyhood days were passed in attending the district schools and in helping his parents at home.

Augustus Eddy, grandfather of our subject, was a native of Rhode Island, and was one of the pioneer settlers of the town of Triangle, Broome County, N. Y. He died at the advanced age of seventy years. C. C. Eddy, father of Augustus S., when a

young man taught school for several terms; later he learned and followed the trade of carpenter and joiner.

He married Amy Stephens, and for several years resided at East Greene. In 1850, with his family, he moved to the farm in the northern part of Smithville, and followed general farming the rest of his days. He died in 1870 at the age of forty-nine years. To Mr. and Mrs. Eddy were born seven children, four sons and three daughters, as follows: Ellen, wife of George Orr of Manistique, Mich.; Augustus S. of McDonough, N. Y.; John S., an attorney and insurance agent of Chicago, Ill.; Alice E., who married William A. Smith of Greene, this county; Charles A., superintendent of the wagon company of Geneva, N. Y.; Ida, wife of Edgar Brown of Manistique, Mich.; and Clifford T., who resides in Toledo, Ohio.

In 1863 Augustus S. Eddy enlisted for service in the Civil War. He was a member of Co. C, 8th Reg., N. Y. Vol. Cav. He served under the gallant Custer, and took part in the following engagements: Cedar Creek; Spottsylvania C. H.; Yellow Tavern; Hanover C. H.; White Oak Swamp; Malvern Hill; Stony Creek; Ream's Station; Winchester; and the second battle of Cedar Creek. He performed the duties of a soldier bravely and faithfully, and received an honorable discharge in July, 1865. Returning home he worked on a farm, and then for a short time on the Erie R. R.

On November 4, 1868, our subject was married to Miss Frankie A. Slater. One son, Hartwell C., was born to them, who

assists his father in the care of the farm and dairy. In 1877 Mr. Eddy purchased the old homestead, running in debt about \$6,000.00. About 1880 he purchased and operated the first steam thresher in Chenango County. So many farmers were afraid of his machine, that to get the amount of work he wanted he threshed in nine different towns the first season. After successfully operating the machine for six seasons, he sold it and has given his attention to farming and dairying. By faithful and well directed effort, Mr. and Mrs. Eddy paid their indebtedness in thirteen years, and then purchased land in McDonough, adjoining the old homestead, and to get better water for dairying purposes moved the house and one barn from Smithville into McDonough, and later took down the old barn and replaced it with one of modern design, the new structure costing about \$2,500.

With the exception of two years in McDonough, and one year in Oxford, for the purpose of giving their son better advantages for an education, Mr. and Mrs. Eddy have resided on the farm which they now own since 1877. For the last ten years they have made a specialty of dairying, and have won the reputation of making a very fine article of butter, receiving a medal for a sample exhibited at the World's Fair at Chicago, and of having a choice herd of Jersey cows, making an annual average of over 350 pounds of butter per cow. He is post commander of the G. A. R. of McDonough. In politics he adheres to the Republican party, and votes to uphold the principles of that organization. Mr. Eddy is

an honest and obliging neighbor, and possessed of good judgment. With a determination to succeed, he illustrates that old but truthful proverb, "Where there's a will there's a way."

CHARLES A. FULLER, an attorney of Chenango County, and a citizen of Sherburne village, was born in the town of Edmeston, Otsego County, N. Y., August 17, 1841, and is a son of Thomas A. and Harriet (De Forest) Fuller, and grandson of Elijah and Ruth (Robinson) Fuller, and of Gideon and Hannah De Forest, on his mother's side.

Elijah Fuller was reared in the State of Connecticut, and came to New York State about 1805, settling in Columbus, this county, on the farm now owned by Mr. Rutherford. He built the house now standing, and set out the orchard, which is still yielding fruit. Mr. Fuller spent his last days with his son Fitch, who resided at Columbus Centre, this county, and died in 1864 at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. Mrs. Fuller died aged sixty-eight years. Their children were as follows: Laura, the wife of Rev. Sidney Mills; Thomas A., father of our subject; Marcia, who married Dr. E. King, late of Unadilla Forks; and Fitch, now deceased.

Thomas A. Fuller was reared to follow the pursuits of an agriculturist, and during his early days he managed his father's farm; in 1842 he moved to the village of Sherburne, where he bought the stock of L. D. Newton, and embarked in the mercantile business,

carrying, after a time, a line of groceries, drugs and books combined. He died on April 25, 1875, at the age of sixty-three years, at his home in the village of Sherburne. Mrs. Fuller, who was born July 28, 1813, is the youngest and the only survivor of a family of eight children. Her father, Gideon De Forest, was a native of the colony of Connecticut, and was born in Stratford, a son of Joseph De Forest, who was a grandson of David, the first ancestor here. The family was Huguenot by descent, and left France early in the Seventeenth Century to escape persecution. At the outbreak of the Revolution, Gideon De Forest was but ten years of age, but that struggle continued long enough for him to grow into military ability, and for more than two years he served in Captain Beardsley's Company of Connecticut troops. Three older brothers were with him in that army. Mrs. Fuller's mother was Hannah Beardsley. Her father and a brother were sea captains, and sailed their vessels to and from the West Indies, where both died of yellow fever.

Gideon De Forest left Connecticut in 1790, or a little later, for the then far West and settled in the town of Edmeston, Otsego County. There he felled the forest, cleared the land, and made a home for his family. He was a tailor by trade. Some years after coming to Edmeston, he and his wife, and a number of their children, became members of the Congregational Church in Columbus. He was in 1838 pensioned for his war services. It was told of him, that, on one occasion when a brush with the enemy was anticipated, he felt quite despondent, and got

off by himself, and prayed. After the fight, in which his side had the best of it, and he was feeling jubilant, some one said to him: "Gid, what have you been 'doing?" to which he replied, "Licking 'em like the Devil." He died in 1840, and his wife in 1844. They were of good stock, and were a stalwart couple. Mrs. Fuller is living with her son, Charles A., and is enjoying the best of health for a lady of her years. She is one of the kindest and most faithful of mothers, and by the loveliness of her life and her strict devotion to duty, she has won the esteem and confidence of all who know her. Mr. Fuller was a firm believer in the Whig party, but when it went into retirement he joined the ranks of the Republican party. In religious views he was an active and consistent member of the Congregational Church. They were the parents of two children, Charles A., the subject of this biography, and Antoinette, who died in 1862, aged thirteen years.

Charles A. Fuller received his primary education in the common schools of Sherburne village, and then spent two terms at Madison University, at Hamilton, N. Y. In the spring of 1861 he entered the law office of Boardman and Ingersoll, of Cleveland, Ohio, and, when Lincoln issued a call for troops to put down the rebellion, our subject returned home and enlisted September 1, 1861, in Co. C, 61st Reg., N. Y. Vol. Inf., which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac. He entered as a private, and was later promoted to be a sergeant, and in 1863 he was commissioned a second lieutenant. He took an active part in all the battles of

the Army of the Potomac, up to and including the battle of Gettysburg. Among the other battles in which he participated were the battles of Fair Oaks; Peach Orchard; Savage's Station; White Oak Swamp; Glendale; Malvern Hill; Antietam; Fredericksburg; and Chancellorsville. July 2, 1863, he was severely wounded at Gettysburg, having been shot in the left shoulder, which made it necessary to have three inches of the bone taken out, and was shot in the left leg, which was amputated eight inches from the body while he was still on the field. He was a man of strong constitution, and showed great pluck and determination in the struggle for recovery. He was discharged in December, 1863, for disability, and after he returned home he had an artificial leg, which enabled him to walk. After his discharge he entered the law offices of Alfred Nichols and E. H. Risley, at Sherburne, and began to complete his education in that line. In 1864 he entered the law school at Albany, and was admitted to the bar in 1865. He formed a partnership with E. H. Risley, and the firm located in Hamilton, N. Y., where for a year they did business. In the spring of 1866 he returned to Sherburne village, and opened a law office, which he still occupies, and where he has alone carried on his business, except for a term of four years from 1871 to 1875, when he was in company with Stephen Holden.

Our subject was on June 23, 1869, united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Mathewson, daughter of Albert Mathewson of this county, and three children have blessed their home, namely: Louisa, the wife of Charles L. Carrier of Sherburne; Antoinette, who died

aged twenty-two months; and Marion D., a student. Politically, our subject is a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party, and is one of the leaders in his community. In 1888 he served in the Assembly from Chenango County; and in 1894 he was a delegate in the Constitutional Convention from the Twenty-fifth District. He is now a member of the board of education of Sherburne Union School. He has served as justice of the peace; as trustee, and clerk of the village; and is now a notary public. Socially, he is a member of Plumb Post, G. A. R., of which he is past commander. He has also served as postmaster of the village of Sherburne, from March 14, 1867, to March 14, 1887. He is a member of the Congregational Church of Sherburne.

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JOSEPH TILLOTSON, deceased. Among the heroic men and women who came to this country at an early date, and who witnessed its development, enduring toil and hardships without murmur or complaint, and, succeeding, were able to pass the sunset of life in peace and quiet, was the gentleman whose name appears at the head of this notice. He was born in Rutland, Mass., in 1776, and after attaining his majority came to Oxford, N. Y., where he remained for a short time; after his marriage there he moved to Greene, N. Y., and purchased a tract of land consisting of 1200 acres. There is no doubt that he took the initiatory steps in the settlement of Greene, and was one of the first to develop



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its resources, and to open the way for the later civilization. Through his efforts the land was made to blossom and bring forth the fruits of civilization and prosperity; and while history may bear the names of the pioneers of Central New York down to posterity, the early struggles with untamed nature and its final subjugation through their labors and the results thereof erect a lasting monument to their memories. He enlisted in the 1812 War, and rendered gallant service until the close. He passed from this life in 1852. He was a man of inflexible integrity; of strong, though uncultivated mind, and an uncompromising Democrat.

He married and was the progenitor of a family of three children, namely: Jeremiah; Sabrina; and Silas. Jeremiah Tillotson married Lovica Loomis of Greene, N. Y., and they reared a family of six children: Martha; Joseph; Joseph (2); Mary E.; and two that died in infancy. Sabrina Tillotson was united in marriage with William Rice of Oxford, N. Y., and five children were born to them, namely: Joseph; Derrick; William; Christina; and Martha. Silas Tillotson married Eunice Smith of Rutland, Mass., and they were the parents of four children: Sabrina Lovica, who married Daniel Gardner, who was born in England and emigrated to America in 1841 and settled in Greene, N. Y., where he followed the trade of a carpenter and joiner all his active life; Martha A. married Abel H. Smith of Cortland, Cortland County, N. Y., and they are the parents of one child, Elmer E., who married Ines Dunham of West Eaton, N. Y., and is the father of four sons: Lewis R.; Abel H.; Elmer E., and an infant; Josephine

A. was the wife of George A. Chamberlain of Chenango Forks, N. Y., and bore him one son, Silas T., and a daughter, Lillie Augusta, who died aged nine years and ten months; and Joseph A., who died at the age of eleven months.

WARREN L. SCOTT is one of the prominent and representative citizens of Norwich village, Chenango County, where he is engaged in carrying on a very extensive lumbering business, that is not confined to Norwich, for he has lumber yards in Scranton, Pa., and other business interests at various points in New York State. He is a son of Alfred and Anna (Harrison) Scott, and was born May 16, 1835, in Allegany County, N. Y.

His paternal grandfather, Rufus Scott, a native of New Hampshire, came to Allegany County, N. Y., at an early date and engaged in mercantile pursuits. He was a Democrat in his politics, and an active church member of the Universalist denomination. His wife, Mercy Hackett, bore him the following children: Rufus; Hollis; Alfred; Martin; Roxie, who became the wife of Austin Farr; Almira, who married William Bradley; Diana, the wife of Thomas Clark; Diantha, who joined her fortunes with those of A. J. Buskirk; and Elvira, who married William H. King.

Alfred Scott, our subject's father, was born in the New Hampshire home before the family moved to New York State. He was given a common school training, and then

engaged in farming and in dealing in cattle and other live stock in Wirt, Allegany County. He did a large business, and continued to prosper in that town. He was a Democrat in his politics, and a very public-spirited and active citizen of his section, serving some twenty years as a member of the board of supervisors. Like his father, he was a Universalist and a very pillar of the local church, liberal and free-handed in his benevolences. Nine children were born to him and his good wife, namely: Melvina; Warren L.; Irene; Rufus, deceased; Russel; William, deceased; Walter; Charles, deceased; and Anna, who died, aged nine years.

A common school education and an attendance of two years in the academy constituted our subject's preparation for the battles of life, exclusive of what he secured through the practical school of experience. When he had finished his course in the academy, he put the knowledge there obtained to good use by teaching school for eight terms. Then after clerking in the store of his uncle at Friendship, N. Y., for a period, he engaged in the grocery business on his own behalf in that town, remaining in business for a year and a half. After a year spent in Kent, Ohio, he became a resident of Chenango County, in 1866, locating in Norwich, where for fifteen years he enjoyed a first-class trade in the grocery business. At the same time he also had a clothing store in the same place, and was running a lumber business, having made a beginning in lumbering in 1877. He is now wholly engaged in the lumber business, and has been so uniformly successful that he has branched out into other locali-

ties, and conducts a good business in that line at Scranton, Pa., and at Forest Port, N. Y. The Democratic party claims his allegiance in political matters, and of the local township offices he has filled his quota. He is a member of the F. & A. M.

Mr. Scott has twice been a contracting party in a matrimonial alliance. His first wife was Mary Danforth. After her death, he married Delia A. Prindle, a daughter of Seth Prindle, October 3, 1865. His children number three, as follows: Mary L., who became the wife of Rev. E. B. Olmstead; Frances, who married Mark F. Brown; and John P., who is a student at Oberlin, Ohio. Mr. Scott's portrait appears on another page in close proximity to this.

EDWARD LYON, a prosperous agriculturist of North Norwich township, is a son of Theron and Mary (Barber) Lyon, and was born December 25, 1860, in the town of North Norwich, Chenango County, where he still resides, one of the town's most enterprising farmers.

Samuel Lyon, the paternal grandfather, lived in the same town and was a shoemaker by trade and a Democrat in politics. Theron Lyon was born there and followed farming, first in his native town and afterwards in the town of Preston. He was living at the time of his death on the farm now occupied by our subject, where he owned 136 acres of land. He was forty-eight years old at the time of his death, and left one child, who is the subject of this biography.

Edward Lyon was educated in the district schools of his native town, and devoted his life to the pursuits of agriculture. He succeeded his father on the farm he now cultivates, where he carries on general farming and keeps a dairy of twenty-three cows. In politics he is a Democrat, as his father was before him. Mr. Lyon was united in matrimony May 26, 1881, with Miss Carrie Brown, a daughter of Cyrus Brown, deceased. They have but one child, Lily M., who is a bright girl of fifteen years.

ISAAC S. SHERWOOD passed to the world beyond, January 13, 1898. He spent the sunset of life in quiet retirement from active labor in the pleasant little town of Oxford, and was one of the most respected citizens in the above town. In his early days, being an excellent penman, he accepted a position to copy deeds and legal papers and to settle estates; he also became a prominent figure in the courts, being clerk for different lawyers. His later days were spent upon the farm near the village of Oxford, where he lived after his forced retirement, because of advanced age. He was born in Oxford, Chenango County, September 18, 1816, and was a son of Samuel S. and Catherine (Bessac) Sherwood; the former was born in the State of Connecticut, while the latter was a native of France.

Isaac Sherwood, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Connecticut in 1768. He was a man of great force of character, possessed a mind peculiarly adapted to the

requirements of his profession, and was a close student and keen observer. He moved to Oxford, where he began the practice of law, and soon rose rapidly in his profession, was elected judge of the county, and served as justice of the peace for a long term of years. He was also supervisor of the town a number of years. Later he embarked in the mercantile tailoring business in Oxford, and met with great success. He was also a large land owner. In politics he was a Jacksonian Democrat. He married a Miss Smith, a native of Connecticut, and they reared two children, Samuel S., father of our subject, and Rebecca, who was married three times. Her first marriage was to Charles Dennison of Oxford; she then married John Judson of Oxford; her third husband was a Mr. Hoxcie. In religious leanings Mr. Sherwood was inclined to be liberal.

Samuel S. Sherwood, the father of our subject, clerked in his father's store for some time. His father then presented him with a fine farm, and he immediately moved to his new home, where he followed agricultural pursuits the rest of his life; his keen observation, together with the practical information he obtained in the cultivation of the cereals, enabled him, through his energy and good judgment, to make a success in his chosen occupation. He was a strong Democrat, and endorsed the principles of his chosen party. He married Catherine Bessac, daughter of John Bessac, and five children were born unto them, namely: John; Mary; Harriet; Catherine, who married James Bennett of Oxford, N. Y.; and Isaac S., who heads these lines. In religious views, Mr. and Mrs.

Sherwood were members of the Episcopal Church. He died in 1846. She passed from this life in 1834.

Isaac S. Sherwood received his primary education in the public schools, which training was supplemented by a course in the academy at Oxford. He was a brilliant scholar, and wrote a beautiful hand. He was very prominent among his fellow men, and was elected supervisor of the town for a term of two years. He was trustee of Oxford Academy several years. Socially, he was a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the Oxford Lodge, No. 175, F. & A. M. September 12, 1837, he was united in marriage with Abigail Tiffany, daughter of Humphrey Tiffany of Sherburne, N. Y. Mr. Sherwood lived in his native state all his life, and during that time his neighbors had every opportunity to become well acquainted with him, and the testimony they bear in support of his sterling character is flattering in the extreme. He was fully entitled to be classed as an honest man and a good citizen in every sense these terms imply. The most ambitious could desire nothing nobler or better, and in passing down the hill of life Mr. Sherwood was able to experience the deepest satisfaction while contemplating the record he had made.

FRANK J. QUINN, a resident and farmer of the town of Preston, is a son of Frank and Marjory (Welsh) Quinn, and was born in the town of Preston, this county, October 11, 1858. His grandfather, Frank

Quinn, was a native of Ireland, coming to America at an early age to seek his fortune, and locating first in the city of New York, but later removing to Montrose Pa., where he continued living up to the time of his death, which occurred at the age of sixty years. He was engaged in mercantile business. His wife was Miss Green, a lady of French origin; they were the parents of seven children: Thomas; John; Peter; Franklin; Henry; William; and Andrew.

Frank Quinn, the father of our subject, was born in Brooklyn, and received his education in the common schools of that place. When he reached his majority, he engaged in mercantile business at Montrose, Pa. Soon after this he was united in wedlock with Miss Marjory Welch, and moved to Preston township, where he farmed all of his active period. His home is at present on a farm, with his son John, at Sherburne, this county, his wife having been laid to rest February 17, 1887, when but forty-eight years old. They were the parents of six children: Martin Thomas; John; Edward; Frank J.; Robert; and Catherine, who died at the early age of eleven months. He is a Republican in his political affiliations.

Frank J. Quinn attended the common schools of Norwich and Preston townships; after leaving school, he worked for different farmers until 1884, since which time he has been farming for himself near Preston Corners. He is the owner of 100 acres of fine land, but at present is residing on another farm of 100 acres, which he has leased. He is engaged in general farming, as he is not a man of one idea, who thinks it necessary to

devote his whole time to one thing in order to make it a success; on the contrary, he has clearly demonstrated the fact that a man can successfully operate two or more lines of business, if he is possessed of sound judgment, and uses it to the best advantage. His farm is well stocked, and carried on under the most approved modern methods. He has about thirty cows, among which are to be seen some of the finest Holsteins that are brought to this country. He takes a great deal of pride in his cattle, and no pains are spared to provide for their comfort, and at the same time produce the best results in the yield of milk and cream; to this end Mr. Quinn has erected a large silo, which holds over eighty tons, and which is filled in the fall with a fine lot of ensilage, ready for the winter, when other green feed for cattle is necessarily scarce. He also handles fertilizers, selling to the farmers round about. During the season of 1897 he sold over \$1800.00 worth of such machinery for which he has the agency, such as mowers, binders and corn-harvesters. He has always been active in politics, as in his business, being a staunch Republican and serving his party in a number of different offices; for six years he was postmaster, four years under Harrison and two years under Cleveland's administration; in 1882 he served as collector of Preston township, was trustee of the school for a number of terms, and is at present performing the duties of assessor. He is a member of the Grange, which he thinks does much to advance the interest of the farmer, when properly conducted. He was united in marriage, February 26, 1883, with Florence E.

Coville, daughter of George Coville, and their pleasant home is ever open to a large and appreciative circle of friends. He and his estimable wife are advocates of the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which they attend.

LUCIUS B. POWERS, a prominent and successful farmer of New Berlin township, is entitled to be classed among the early pioneers. He has lived in his native state all his life, and has witnessed the growth of a country which gave early promise of great things to be. He has assisted in its development and progress, and has a just pride in contemplating the position which the Empire State occupies in the galaxy of sister states. Mr. Powers was one of that class who began life amid difficulties and with limited advantages. His opportunities for education were only such as were afforded by the pioneer schools, but his industry and perseverance supplied what at this later day the youth of America seemingly acquire without a struggle. Great credit is due Mr. Powers for the position which he occupies among the honored citizens of the Empire State, and in his later days he may be wholly pardoned for viewing with pride the result of what he has accomplished by sheer force of will and the elements of character with which nature endowed him.

Mr. Powers is a son of Abel and Emily (Lutton) Powers, and was born in the town of Columbia, Herkimer County, N. Y., Decem-

ber 26, 1821. His father was born in the town of Leverett, Mass., April 2, 1795. He grew to manhood in his native place and then moved to Herkimer County, thence to Otsego County, where he remained but a short time, when he returned to Herkimer County. Upon his taking up his permanent residence there he settled down in the wilderness, converted a tract of timber land into cultivated fields, lived to enjoy a rich reward for his toil and privations, and terminated his labors upon the spot which had witnessed his early struggles and final triumphs. He married Emily Lutton, and they reared and educated a large family of children, who were as follows: Lucius B., subject of this biography; Sallie, who died July 2, 1825; Lyman R., born October 31, 1825, and died November 28, 1892; Mary, born August 11, 1827; Zenas C., born Aug. 11, 1829, and died in January, 1895; Almon D., born November 10, 1832, and died March 6, 1876; Damon, born May 26, 1835, is a resident of Guilford, this county; and Alvin, born June 14, 1838, and died April 3, 1885. Mr. Powers died October 16, 1841. Mrs. Powers passed from this life November 21, 1893, at the ripe old age of nearly ninety-three years.

Lucius B. Powers received his elementary training in the district schools of Columbia, and at the age of seven went to live with one Spencer Field, of Richfield, Otsego County, where he made his home until 1849. There he followed the occupation of a farmer, and also operated a saw-mill. In 1850, he moved to Worchester, where he farmed one year; thence he went to Sidney, Delaware County, where he remained five years.

In 1856 he moved to Butternuts, Otsego County, and engaged in farming until 1871, when he moved to Holmesville, where he continued farming, but on a much smaller scale.

In politics Mr. Powers is a strong Republican, and served as assessor for nine years in the town of Butternuts; excise commissioner for three years; member of the board of auditors of New Berlin; overseer of the poor of New Berlin for two terms; pathmaster for a number of years; and is now treasurer of his school district. He was joined in matrimony October 24, 1849, with Miss Agnes Mellor, daughter of John and Ann Mellor of Middlefield, Otsego County. Mr. Powers is well known and highly respected throughout the county, and has performed his share in the building up of Chenango County.

FRANKLIN EDWARDS, a substantial farmer and business man of Chenango County and Preston township, is a son of Thomas H. and Martha (Wilcox) Edwards, and was born January 24, 1823, in the town of German, this county. The first of the name to locate in this country were from Ireland.

Paul Edwards, our subject's grandfather, was a native of Connecticut, from which state he came to the town of Pitcher, this county, where he located and engaged in farming. He was a soldier of the Revolution, taking part in several battles, among which was the battle of Ticonderoga. He was wounded, and carried a ball in his left breast, but suf-



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ferred no serious consequences from it. His wife, Martha Allen, bore him ten children, as follows: Rhoda; Hannah; Sallie; Alinda; Patty; Thomas H.; Ethan; Russell; Paul, Jr.; and Sexton. He lived to the advanced age of about eighty years.

Thomas H. Edwards came from Stonington, Conn., in which state he was born, and located near the village of Norwich, and afterwards lived in the town of Pitcher; a few years later, he removed to Allegany County, this state, remaining there the remainder of his life a resident of Almond. Politically, he was a supporter of the Democratic party, as was his father before him. He was united in marriage with Martha Wilcox, and to this union were born five sons and five daughters: Almira Eaton; Rebecca Irons; Martha Dye; Franklin; Roswell; Theodore; Jane; Sexton; Ellen Church; and Tracy. The father entered into his eternal rest when eighty-six years of age.

Franklin Edwards, the subject of this biography, attended the public schools of Pitcher township, this county, and afterwards followed agricultural work, coming to Preston in 1843, and working as a farm hand for ten years. At the expiration of that term he engaged in farming on his own account, on the farm known as the Waite farm, continuing there for fifteen years, at the same time being an extensive speculator and dealer in cattle, having as a partner in the cattle business, Delancey Waite. He was married to Lucretia M. Ashcraft, a daughter of Leonard Ashcraft, a native of the town of Preston. He took his bride to the farm he had just pur-

chased in Preston township, and there they still reside, in one of the most attractive residences in the township. The farm consists of 107½ acres under the highest cultivation. Mr. Edwards makes a specialty of dairying, keeps sixteen cows, and everything around his stables is in the best condition, neat and clean, as he thinks a great deal of his cows, and believes in keeping them in the best order, and in the most comfortable quarters. Everything about his farm bears evidence of thrift and care. He has but one child, a daughter, Eva, who is the wife of D. B. Heady, a farmer residing in the town of Plymouth, this county. Mr. Edwards is an ardent Democrat, and has been prevailed upon by his friends to accept some local offices, having served as road commissioner and postmaster at Preston. He has on his place an apple tree of which he is justly proud, it being the oldest in Chenango County and the first to bear fruit.

GEORGE L. SPRAGUE, manufacturer of lumber and cheese boxes, and a prominent citizen of McDonough, and county superintendent of poor at Preston, is a son of Marcus L. and Safrona (Gale) Sprague. The family is of English ancestry; three brothers emigrated to the United States and settled in the State of Massachusetts. Caleb S., one of these brothers, is known to be the great-great-grandfather of our subject.

Joseph Sprague, the grandfather of our subject, was born in the town of Athol, Worcester County, Mass. In 1820 he moved

from the state of his birth to New York and settled in McDonough, Chenango County, where he operated a farm of 200 acres. He was an old-time Whig. He married Melinda Chamberlain, and they reared seven children, namely: Marcus L.; Lois; Lucy; Otis; Francis L.; Sarah; and Eliza. He died at the advanced age of eighty-four years.

Marcus L. Sprague was born in Peterham, Mass., in 1819. He was a man that could operate two or more trades successfully. He was a farmer, mechanic, carpenter, and lumberman. At the time of Mr. Sprague's death, he owned a farm of 300 acres. In politics, he gave a life-long adherence to the Republican party. He was twice married; by his first wife, Safrona Gale, he was made the father of five children: George L.; Harriet; Francis; Mary; and Otis J. His second wife's maiden name was Betsey A. Evans, and they were the parents of five children: Charles E.; Edwin M.; Freddie S.; Willard B.; and Morris. Mr. Sprague died in 1881 at sixty-two years of age.

George L. Sprague received his education in the public schools of McDonough, and then turned his attention toward cabinet-making, which he followed for three years. In 1863, he entered the army, and served gallantly until the close of the war. He was a member of Co. B, 32d Reg. Mass. Vol. Inf., the regiment being under the command of the venerable Col. Prescott. He took part in all the engagements of the First Division of the Fifth Corps of the Army of the Potomac, among which the most important battles were: Mill Run, Wilderness, Cold Harbor, Bethesda Church, Petersburg, South

Side Railroad, Five Forks, and Appomattox Court House. He is now a member of the G. A. R., William A. Miles Post, No. 442, of McDonough, in which organization he served as adjutant for several terms. In politics, he is an avowed Republican, and takes an active part in the advancement of his chosen party. He is eminently worthy of public office, and his marked executive ability has been recognized on more than one occasion. He was elected road commissioner for two terms, has served as supervisor of the town of McDonough for two years, and in 1893 was elected superintendent of the poor of Chenango County, a position he now occupies. He owns a farm in the town of McDonough, and a mill and cheese factory, which is operated by his son, G. Merton. Mr. Sprague is a member of the Masonic Order of the Thirty-second Degree, is a Knight Templar, and is also a member of the Mystic Shrine, and the local Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry. In his religious attachments, he is a Baptist.

Our subject was joined in wedlock, in 1867, with Miss Alice M. Harrington, daughter of S. Harrington. They are the proud and happy parents of four children: G. Merton; Agnes E.; Winona; and Alson J.

In 1870, when Mr. Sprague was in business with his father, they had the misfortune to have their lumber yard and mill destroyed by fire, a loss of several thousand dollars being entailed by the catastrophe; our subject again laid out his lumber yard, but in 1881 he was again overtaken by misfortune, by having the property burn for the second time. He then purchased a farm, known as the Merritt Daniels place, upon which he

began to manufacture lumber and cheese boxes, a business which his son, G. Merton Sprague, continues to the present time. On a preceding page will be found a portrait of the subject of these lines, who is recognized as one of the most prominent men of the county, and entitled to the fullest notice.

CHARLES J. HUMPHREY. Among the prominent citizens of Bennettsville, Bainbridge township, and one of the best millers of Chenango County, is the gentleman whose name heads the lines. He was born February 13, 1829, in the town of Bainbridge, this county, and is a son of James V. and Harriet (Olin) Humphrey.

The grandfather, Thomas Humphrey, was a lumberman and also a farmer. The methods employed in getting the products of the pioneer farms and forests to the markets in those days were necessarily slow and laborious; the lumber was floated down the Delaware River to the market at Philadelphia. Mr. Humphrey was a strong Democrat, and held very decided views. He was born in Connecticut, but was a resident of the town of Bainbridge, this county, at the time of his death, which occurred June 10, 1839.

James V. Humphrey was engaged in the same business as his father, farming and lumbering, and like his father was a Democrat in his political belief. He was born June 7, 1799, and died at the advanced age of eighty-four in February, 1883, in the town of Osceola, Pa. He was united in marriage with Harriet Olin, whose father, William

Olin, was born in Bainbridge, but later removed to the town of Greene, where he died. To this couple were born six children, of whom four are still living: William T., born December 22, 1824, and died July 31, 1897; James M., born October 7, 1826, and at this time a resident of Anoka, Minn.; Charles J.; Henry D., born April 3, 1831, and died January, 1863; Harriet A., born June 2, 1833, the widow of Mr. Heath, and now living at Wellsboro, Tioga County, Pa.; George F., born August 18, 1835, now a resident of Galeton, Potter County, Pa.

Charles J. Humphrey cast his first vote for Franklin Pierce of New Hampshire in 1852, but after that gave his political support to the new party, organized in 1853 or 1854, that has since been known as the Republican party. He has taken an intelligent interest in local politics, and made a splendid run for sheriff while in Tioga County, Pa., and was elected justice of the peace of the same place, where he gave universal satisfaction in his interpretation of the law. Mr. Humphrey was a farmer lad and received his intellectual training in the common and the select schools, remaining on the farm until he had attained his eighteenth year. He then taught school in Bainbridge, and after five years' teaching entered upon the career of a miller. He engaged to work for Mr. Samuel Corbin four years in order to thoroughly learn the milling business. Mr. Corbin was an expert miller, understanding the work in all its details; he was also a very fine musician and enlivened many a company with his melodies. When he left the employ of his old friend, Mr. Humphrey was considered an excep-

tionally good miller, and readily obtained employment. He first went to Osceola, Pa., and took charge of a new mill that had but recently been built there; this he conducted for five years, when failing health obliged him to return home for a year, when he once more took charge of the mill at Osceola. He then rented a mill at Tioga, Pa., which he operated for seven years; he then purchased a mill in the same county which he operated for eleven years, gaining an excellent reputation for the superior quality of his flour and mill stuffs. In 1874 he sold this property, or rather traded it for a farm upon which he lived for one year, but his thoughts still dwelt on mills and milling, and in 1876 he came to Bennettsville and again took up his old work. Since becoming the proprietor of his present mills he has greatly improved and remodeled them, until they rank among the best in this section. He carries on a general milling business, and has all the custom work that he can attend to. He keeps flour and feed on sale, and so highly is his flour prized, that some of his customers come for miles to obtain it rather than use any other brand. He also owns a saw mill, a shingle mill and a cider mill, but his whole attention is taken up with the making of flour, the other plants being rented.

Mr. Humphrey chose as his bride Mrs. Eunice A. Kirby, whom he led to the altar October 11, 1853. Her maiden name was Eunice A. Corbin, daughter of Ezra W. and Pamela (Church) Corbin, both natives of Bainbridge. She was educated in the common and select schools, and is a lady of very great intelligence, a prime favorite among her neighbors.

They have two children: Charles B., born January 31, 1856, a jeweler at Bainbridge; and Minnie Amelia, born April 13, 1860. Charles J. Humphrey is one of the shrewdest and most intelligent, as well as the most affable of gentlemen, and has aided in no small degree in the prosperity of Bennettsville. While Mr. Humphrey lived in Pennsylvania, he was much thought of as a musician, and devoted all of his spare time for many years in organizing string, brass and reed bands.

ELISHA PHELPS, deceased, a prominent and influential farmer of New Berlin, was one who left the world better for his having been in it. He was a true Christian, an honest man and good citizen, and a valuable member of society. He came from one of the oldest and best known families in the county, his father being one of the earliest pioneer settlers. He was born in New Berlin, November 2, 1795, and was a son of William and Polly (Warner) Phelps.

William Phelps, better known as Deacon Phelps, was born in Springfield, Mass., but at an early day came to the State of New York, being one of the first to settle in his section of Chenango County. He was accompanied by his two brothers, Pliny and Joseph, and they each took up a tract of land in the town of New Berlin. At that time it was an unbroken forest, inhabited by deer, bears, wolves and other wild beasts, which have since become almost extinct in this district. Here these hard-working farmers spent their entire lives, clearing and putting their prop-

erty into a state fit for cultivation. One by one these old pioneers have passed away, and the time will come when they will live only in the memory of their descendants; but the work of their hands will continue as a monument to their deeds, and as a reminder of the trials and struggles through which they passed in developing Chenango County from a wild and uncultivated tract of land to the rich and productive agricultural position which she occupies to-day in comparison with her sister counties of the state. The tract upon which William Phelps settled is situated about two and one half miles south of the village of New Berlin, and consists of 140 acres of fine farm land. His son Elisha succeeded to the ownership, and it has remained in possession of the family since. He was united in marriage with Polly Warner, and six children, all now deceased, were born to them; their names are as follows: Elisha, the subject of this biography; James; Eli; Dolly; Sally; and Mary. He was a Free Will Baptist and an exhorter in that church. For many years he was a deacon in the church and an active worker, also contributing largely from his own means to its support.

Elisha Phelps was reared on the old homestead, and obtained his mental training in the common schools. He followed closely in the footsteps of his sire, and chose farming as his occupation. He was a man of great energy and industry, and worked not only as a means of support, but for the love of it. He was a shrewd business man, and during his life-time accumulated considerable wealth, and upon his death left his family in good circumstances. He was looked upon as one

of the good, substantial men of the county, and his death, which occurred July 8, 1870, was a cause for universal sorrow. He was a public-spirited man, and did all that was possible to promote the interests of the community. Though Mr. Phelps has passed into the land of Death, he will linger long in the grateful memory of the people, for whom he labored so faithfully.

February 10, 1818, he was joined in Hymen's bonds with Hannah Vale, and seven children blessed their union; they are as follows: Melvina, deceased, was the wife of William Hall; Hamilton, an attorney-at-law of Norwich; Vernon, deceased; Catherine, who now resides in Michigan; Henrietta, who lives in Otsego County; Adelia, a resident of New Berlin; and Andrew J. of Norwich.

MARSHALL G. HILL is president of the private banking house of Church & Hill, having been made the head of this solid financial institution at the time of its organization in 1894. Banking interests have in recent years claimed the most of his attention, although he has other important interests both in the village of Afton, and throughout Chenango County. Sound financial judgment and integrity of conduct are keynotes of Mr. Hill's success. His connection with a business enterprise is a guarantee for safe conservative methods. The bank of which he is at the head holds an enviable reputation among kindred institutions of the county, and this reputation he has ever made his business to sustain. He has thus been of

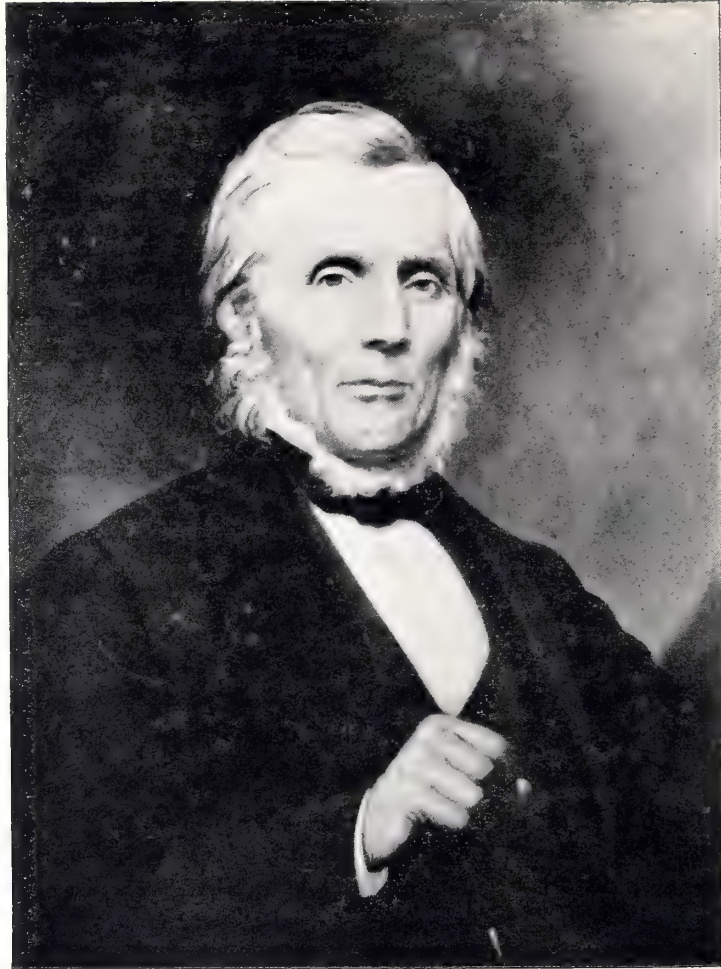
vast assistance in maintaining the credit and integrity of the business interests of Afton.

Mr. Hill is a son of Charles and Nancy H. H. (Graham) Hill, and was born in the town of Meredith, Delaware County, N. Y., March 17, 1854. The Hill family is of sturdy New England stock, having settled in the State of Connecticut during the colonial times. Justus Hill, the grandfather of our subject, a native of Connecticut, came to New York State in 1820, and settled at Meredith. He was a sea-faring man, and during the War of 1812 cruised on a United States privateer. He led this style of life until 1820, when he located on a farm at Meredith and followed agricultural pursuits until his death, which occurred in 1850. His wife's maiden name was Eliza Brooks, and they were the parents of three children: Charles, the father of our subject; Almira, deceased; and George, who is of an inventive turn of mind and resides at Meredith. Silas Brooks, father of Eliza Brooks, and great-grandfather of our subject, was a Revolutionary soldier, being seven years in the service.

Charles Hill was the proprietor of the leading grocery store in Afton, and was one of the village's substantial and progressive citizens. He was born in the town of Meredith, April 23, 1820, and was educated in the common schools of that place. His first occupation as a means of earning a livelihood was that of a farmer, which he followed for about twenty years. He came to Afton in 1868 and opened a grocery store. Later, his son, our subject, was taken into the firm and they conducted it under the firm name of Charles Hill & Son. They did a large and

paying business and enjoyed the patronage of the leading citizens of Afton. Mr. Hill died January 21, 1894, after living a long and useful life of seventy-four years. In politics, he was formerly a Republican, and in 1872 became a Liberal Republican, supporting Horace Greeley for the Presidency, but during his latter years he was a Democrat. For a number of years he acted as captain of a company of Meredith artillery, and was serving in that capacity during the Anti-Rent War excitement. He was united in marriage March 4, 1845, with Nancy H. H. Graham, who was born in 1823, and died in 1891, aged sixty-eight years. Her father was James Graham, a native of Scotland, who upon coming to this country settled in Franklin township, Delaware County, where he engaged in tilling the soil. As a result of their union, Mr. and Mrs. Hill became the parents of two sons, namely: Charles M., a traveling salesman, residing in Binghamton, N. Y.; and Marshall G., the subject of this brief biography.

Marshall G. Hill received his intellectual training in the Union School and Academy of Afton. After completing his schooling he became a partner in the grocery business with his father, with whom he continued until the time of his death. He has since conducted the business alone, but the firm name remains unchanged. He has greatly enlarged the store, added many improvements, and has made it one of the most desirable trading places in the county. Everything is neat and orderly, systematically arranged, and indicates the successful manner in which it is managed. After the death



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of D. C. Church, our subject purchased Mr. Johnston's interest in the private banking establishment of E. M. Johnston & Co., Mr. Church having been the other partner, and business was conducted under the firm name of Church & Hill. He was made president of the bank, Fred Church, vice-president, and George L. Church, cashier. In 1897, Mr. Hill with several others organized the Afton Gas Light Co., and was elected treasurer of the concern.

Our subject was joined in the bonds of matrimony with Miss Rubie E. Avery of Ararat, Pa., October 6, 1878, and they are the parents of five children, whose names are as follows: Leona; Nan; Belle; Bernice; and Erma. In regard to his politics, it may be said that he is a Democrat of pronounced views, and takes an intelligent and hearty interest in all local affairs that concern the public welfare in the least.

WILLIAM NEWTON, son of Asahel and Versalle (Booth) Newton, was born at Colchester, Conn., October 15, 1786, the eldest of seven sons. His father was a soldier of the Revolution.

In boyhood William evinced the qualities of energy, resourcefulness and pluck that distinguished his after career. With the slightest opportunity for an education, he yet valued it highly; improved his little chance to the utmost; and in after years gave his children the fullest advantages, three of his sons being graduates of Yale College.

Before Mr. Newton was twenty years old he came on foot into the wilds of Central New York, and, purchasing a lot of land in East Hamilton, built a log house, and the next year returned to Connecticut and brought on his father's family, of which at that time he was largely the mainstay. On the farm then settled, now known as the Hubbard place, his parents lived and died. Two brothers, Anson and Daniel, lived there for many years after attaining their manhood.

After the family was well settled, Mr. Newton came to Sherburne, in 1806, and learned the trade of carding, weaving and cloth dressing of a Mr. Mills, whose factory was a mile below Sherburne village, near the Paddleford bridge. Not satisfied with a dependent position, he soon commenced business for himself, building a factory on the Handsome Brook, near the Sherburne Quarter. This factory was burned, as was also another, soon after its erection. The manufacture of cloths, especially of a very fine grade of satinets, occupied his attention, and such goods being little, if at all, manufactured west of Albany, his trade extended quite largely into the western part of the state, so that at the close of the War of 1812 he lost large sums by reason of the failure of many dealers through the influx of English goods. He, however, continued his cloth manufacture, and with such a prospect of success that about 1820 he bought a large farm and built the family homestead residence now owned and occupied by his son, Lucius, expecting to pay for it out of the profits of his business. But the burning,

about 1821, of his last factory, filled with new and expensive machinery, left him almost hopelessly in debt.

Never were his manly qualities more sorely tried, and never did he exhibit more resourcefulness and grit. It was the era of canal building. Mr. Newton sought and obtained contracts in the construction of the Erie Canal, and worked on the Utica section, when Utica was a hamlet. He had subsequently a contract on the famous Carbondale R. R., in Pennsylvania, and also large contracts for bridge and lock building and canal excavation upon the Chenango and Black River canals. His success in contract work kept him engaged in it more or less for from thirty to forty years, and though long burdened with debt, he finally threw off the load, and at his death, August 9, 1879, at the age of ninety-three years, left a large estate, had provided a large family generously with educational advantages, and had supplied the pecuniary help they needed for a start in life. His wife, Lois, whom he married in 1810, was a worthy helpmeet. She was a daughter of Dea. Richard Butler, of the best stock in New England, and was born at Wethersfield, Conn.; pure, simple and energetic, she was an example to her daughters and a true mother to her sons. A humble and consistent follower of the Master, she trained her children in the path of virtue, and blessed them with her presence until called away at the age of ninety-four.

The family consisted of seven sons and four daughters, namely: William Butler, now living on his farm at Parma, N. Y., at the age of eighty-seven years; Louisa

(Lathrop), now living in Sherburne, aged eighty-five years; Lucinda (Buell), Warren, Maria, Amelia M. (Little), and Isaac S., all deceased; Lucius, now living on the old farm, setting an example to the country around of a practical and progressive farmer, girt about with modern farm buildings and appliances, and proud of his sleek herds of Jersey and other stock; Hubert A., lately deceased; Albro J.; and Homer G. The daughter, Amelia M., was married to the Rev. Charles Little, a graduate of Yale College, went with him as a missionary, and fifty years ago was buried in India.

Warren Newton, as a young man, spent several years in contract work on the state canals. Afterwards he studied law in the office of Benjamin Rexford, at Norwich, N. Y., and was a law partner of Mr. Rexford until about 1852, when he formed a partnership with his brother, Isaac S., which continued until 1856. He then left the law, and with the late James H. Smith organized a bank, which in 1865 became the National Bank of Norwich, of which he was cashier and chief manager until his death, in December, 1891. He was untiring and absorbed in his business as a banker, with a capacity for work that was wonderful. The present substantial condition of the National Bank of Norwich is proof of his wise judgment.

Isaac S. Newton was graduated at Yale College in 1848, and proceeded at once to the study of law. After a few months of practice at Sherburne, he formed a partnership with his brother Warren at Norwich, where the rest of his life was spent. He was soon

made district attorney of the county, and held the office for six years. It is unnecessary to say to any one residing in Chenango County between the years 1850 and 1890, that Isaac Newton was an able lawyer, for few men were better known in this region than he, and his counsel was sought far and near, not alone upon questions of law, for his breadth of knowledge—another evidence that the law is the “learned profession”—made him a ready counselor in other matters. It is doubtful if the life of any man in the county was ever more filled than his with activity, to the very hour of his sudden death in 1889. Skilled in the law, retentive of memory, trenchant in argument, and earnest of purpose, his antagonist needed alertness to meet him. He had an innate sense of justice, and the rights of men were sacred to him. A true Christian and an honest lawyer, he was trusted as such, and served his generation faithfully, and many mourned his death.

Hubert A. Newton was born March 19, 1830; was graduated from Yale College in 1850; was made tutor in 1853; and at the age of twenty-five was appointed Professor of Mathematics in the college, which position he occupied until his death, August 12, 1896, a period of more than forty years. Under his instruction passed thousands of young men, who can testify to the accuracy, individuality and enthusiasm of his methods and the exhaustive value of his work.

But his reputation rests largely upon his mathematical and astronomical researches. The published records of these are found mostly in the American Journal of Science,

of which journal he was an associate editor from 1864 to 1896. These records begin in 1853, and few years of his life passed without the publication of some new research. The great star shower of November, 1833, filled the minds of a few thoughtful astronomers, notably Professor Olmstead and Mr. Edward C. Herrick of Yale College, with questioning as to its cause. Professor Newton, with his thorough geometrical training, set himself to the task of studying the meteoric displays. He sought carefully all past records of star showers. He instituted a careful system of observation, many of the observers being trained by himself for the work; and out of the data thus obtained demonstrated by acute mathematical reasoning that these apparent vagrants of the heavens were under law, and he sought to find to whose kingdom they belonged. He became convinced that the great display of 1833 appeared at regular intervals of thirty-three and one-quarter years; and that, therefore, it might be expected to return in 1866. His anticipation was abundantly verified that year in all parts of the world, and congratulations poured in upon him from astronomers of many nations.

More than forty of his published papers relate to shooting stars, meteors, meteorites and comets. Upon receiving a gold medal, awarded him by the National Academy in 1888 for investigations upon the orbits of meteors, he said: “To discover some new truth in nature, even though it concerns the small things in the world, gives one of the purest pleasures in human experience. It gives joy to tell others of the treasure

found." This remark is the key to his lifelong enthusiasm. He sought truth and not reputation. But he was held in high repute; for as early as 1862 he became a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences; in 1863 he was named by Congress one of the original charter members of the National Academy of Sciences; was elected to the American Philosophical Society in 1867; in 1868 the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him by the University of Michigan; he was elected Associate of the Royal Astronomical Society of London in 1872; and Foreign Honorary Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1886; and in 1892 was elected Foreign Member of the Royal Society of London.

"But the studies which have won for their author an honorable reputation among men of science of all countries," says his biographer, Professor Gibbs, "form only one side of the life of the man. Another side, probably the most important, is that in which he was identified with the organic life of the college and university with which he had been connected from a very early age. In fact, we might almost call the studies, which we have been considering, the recreations of a busy life of one whose serious occupation has been that of an instructor." * * * * *

"In all these relations of life the subject of this sketch exhibited the same traits of character which are seen in his published papers, the same modesty, the same conscientiousness, the same devotion to high ideals. His life was the quiet life of the scholar, ennobled by the unselfish aims of the Christian gentleman."

Albro J. Newton, the sixth son of William Newton, was born August 16, 1832, at Sherburne, where his boyhood was spent on the family homestead. Ill health interfering with his plans of study, he turned his attention to business, in which he has met with a large degree of success. Early he became associated with that excellent man of business, Mr. Whitman Kenyon, Sr., well known to Sherburne residents of forty years ago, and early in the fifties they joined partnership in the manufacture of doors, sashes and blinds in the City of Binghamton. This business was transferred, in 1861 to the City of Brooklyn, where, in connection with a general lumber trade, it is now carried on under the style of "The Albro J. Newton Company," but with very different methods and machinery, and with products of a vastly higher finish than those of the early days. The business has kept a large number of men employed for many years. Mr. Newton is conservative, and yet has not failed to take advantage of opportunity, and is a man whose judgment is relied upon by business men. In the thirty-seven years he has spent in Brooklyn, he has been a prominent figure in the city's life and development, and although not holding public office, has been sought after as director in several of the city's strongest financial institutions, and has been identified with many of the prominent philanthropic organizations of the place. In the religious life of the city he has always been active, being first a member of the Reformed Church and later a member of the Church of the Pilgrims. He is also a director of the Brooklyn Young Men's Christian As-

sociation and of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Dr. Homer G. Newton, the youngest son, born in Sherburne, in 1835, has for the past twenty years been a resident of his native town. His professional life consisted of a service of nearly two years as a regimental medical officer during the Civil War, and a subsequent practice in the City of Brooklyn, where, associated with Dr. Cornelius R. Agnew of New York, and Dr. Arthur Mathewson, he actively helped in the organization and establishment of the Brooklyn Eye and Ear Hospital, of which he was a medical officer and director until leaving the city.

In 1874, he and his wife, as seekers for health, went to Southern California, where they had some years of pleasant experience and strenuous work among the earliest settlers of the infant colony of Pasadena. For the past fifteen years Dr. Newton has been connected with the Sherburne National Bank, either as cashier or vice-president. He was married in 1869 to Miss Grace Pratt, daughter of Mr. Joshua Pratt of Sherburne.

A portrait of the subject of this sketch, William Newton, appears in connection with the foregoing life history on a preceding page. It was executed from an oil painting that hangs in the home of his son, Dr. Homer G. Newton.

LA. IVES. Among the self-made men of Chenango County, farmers by vocation, who have succeeded through their own energy and perseverance, and to-

day are the proprietors of fine and productive farms, is the above named resident of Guilford township. The gentleman, whose name stands at the head of this narrative, proudly traces back for several generations his ancestors, of whom he has a good record; they were a long-lived race, full of honest purposes and good deeds. The history of the early citizens of Chenango County cannot fail to be deeply interesting to the rising and succeeding generations. The perusal of such history is the only means by which we of the present day can form any adequate idea of the difficulties which beset those who, leaving old homes and old associations, set their faces westward to open up, improve and cultivate a new country. Not only were there difficulties in the soil with which to contend, but there was also the melancholy of solitude and the deprivations of human companionship, often when this companionship was most needed of anything on the face of the earth. As to their reflections and the internal battles which they waged, often with home-sickness and apprehension, these brave old souls are mostly silent. As a record of how they overcame this and other difficulties, for the most part they point silently to the smiling fields and beautiful villages, which stand as symbols of victory.

Pre-eminent on this roll of honor stand the names of Abraham and Samuel Ives—the one the great-grandfather and the other the grandfather of our subject. Abraham Ives was a native of the State of Connecticut, and followed farming most of his life; he also did considerable work in the line of a stone mason. In 1796 his eldest son, Samuel, came

west and located in the wilds of New York State, and was followed by his father a few years later, and for the past century the community has been known as the Ives Settlement. Abraham Ives was the father of four sons and five daughters, who were as follows: Samuel, the first to locate in the Ives Settlement; Lyman; Elias and Abraham, both of whom were farmers of the afore-mentioned district; Clarissa, the oldest daughter, married Ozias Bush, who was also a farmer of this community; Fannie, who was twice married—her first husband was Simon Trask, and she then married Ozias Bush, who was the widower of her eldest sister; Eunice married Abijah Cornwall; Mariab married Stephen Yale, and has one daughter, Elam Yale.

Samuel Ives, the grandfather of our subject, was one of the first to move into the wilderness of New York, which was at that time inhabited only by the red men and by wild beasts. After selecting a small spot of timber land, he returned home and was united in marriage with Miss Lucy Ann Atwater, and in the winter of 1797, they placed their household goods upon a sled which was drawn by a yoke of oxen, and started for their new home, arriving there sometime in the spring of 1798. The only way they found their way through the dense forest was by following the trees which had been blazed by Mr. Ives on his previous trip. He felled trees and built a log house in which he and his new bride lived for many years. Mr. Ives was a peacemaker in his neighborhood, and all disputes that arose were left to him to settle. He died at the age of forty-

five years, leaving a wife and six children to mourn his death. The children were as follows: Alfred, the father of our subject; Orin died early in life; Isaac A., a farmer of Ives Settlement; Samuel G., a farmer; Edwin, who was a farmer at Sidney, N. Y.; Lucy, deceased, was twice married—her first husband was Eldad Bush of Guilford, and after his death she married James Edgerton of Smithville. Mr. Ives was a strong Democrat and was a leader in politics in his community.

Alfred Ives, father of our subject, was born in the town of Guilford, N. Y., January 22, 1798. He was one of those gentlemen to whom the growing population of Chenango County can point with pride as being a self-made man; he did a world of good through his own indomitable energy and perseverance. His school privileges were quite limited, and what education he acquired in the district schools was later supplemented by practical information. His life was that of a farmer, and his younger days were passed on the old homestead of his parents, assisting his father in the labor about the farm. He purchased the old homestead and later increased the farm by buying another 100 acres adjoining the original estate. He followed farming and ran a dairy, owning the largest herd of cattle in his neighborhood. He was the owner of the only horse in the community, and many a time he carried grain on the horse's back to the mill at Oxford or Unadilla, a distance of ten miles. Returning home late at night with his grist, his only company was the howling wolves, which were very plentiful in those days. In religious views he was an active and consistent

member of the Congregationalist Church of Guilford Centre. He was a staunch Democrat, proud of his life-long connection with that party, and had much to say and to do in the guidance of that party in his section. He held many local offices in his day. He died February 22, 1866, on the old homestead. His wife, Roxalena, was a daughter of Jehial Parsons, a native of Connecticut, who came to the town of Guilford and engaged in farming. To Mr. and Mrs. Ives were given three children: Emeline P., widow of the late Edwin M. Whiting, who was a mail agent on the C. & N. W. R. R.; L. A., who heads the above lines; and Rufus S., who is farming on the old homestead.

L. A. Ives received his education in the common schools and at Guilford Academy, and when he arrived at years of manhood purchased a tract of land, consisting of 100 acres, near that owned by his father. The farm was known as the Joel Hendrick farm, having been settled by that pioneer in 1795. He also owns 64 acres of timber land. His farm is stocked with a large herd of cattle, which are well kept. He operates a dairy, which is considered to be the largest in the village, if not in the county. Upon the organization of the Republican party, he joined its ranks, and has voted to uphold the principles of that party ever since. He is a member of the Congregational Church, to the support of which he contributes cheerfully and liberally.

Mr. Ives was married January 12, 1853, to Mary Ann Van Cott, daughter of John Van Cott, a farmer and speculator of Guilford, N. Y. Seven children were born to them,

namely: Samuel A., a farmer of Guilford, N. Y.; John A., also a well-to-do farmer of Guilford, N. Y.; George A., a coal and feed merchant of Bainbridge; R. Lena; Ella A.; Mary E., wife of M. B. Shelton, a farmer of Guilford; and Otto L., who assists in operating the farm. Mr. Ives is now on the sunny, western slope of life, surrounded by friends of the present and the dear memories of the past. He is filling out a life that has been of use and advantage both to himself and to everyone who has come into the circle of his good influence.

GEORGE N. HARRINGTON was born June 8, 1827, in the town of Greene, on the farm where he now resides, and has for many years occupied a place among his native town's leading farmers. He is a son of Benjamin and Mary (Smith) Harrington, and grandson of Thomas Harrington. Thomas Harrington was a native of Vermont, but after his marriage he moved to this county, locating at Bainbridge, where he resided for some time. He then cast in his lot with the pioneers about Greene, where he bought a tract of forest-covered land, about three miles south of the village of Greene, which he cleared and developed into a fine farm. This piece of land has remained in the family every since, his son, Benjamin, succeeding him in its ownership, and his grandson, George, now owning it. His family consisted of four sons and one daughter, namely: Thankful, who became the wife of Joshua Harrington; Ezekiel; Daniel; and

Benjamin. Benjamin Harrington was born at Bainbridge, N. Y., in 1788, and was but fourteen years old when his father came to the town of Greene, which was his home for so many years. He was always engaged in farming, and he succeeded his father in the ownership of the old farm; he cultivated the farm until 1858, when he retired from active work to enjoy the accumulations of years of hard labor. He then moved to Lisle, Broome County, where he resided until his death, which occurred July 4, 1866. His wife's maiden name was Mary Smith; she was born at Troy, Pa., in 1791, and lived there until her marriage. Her earthly career came to an end at Lisle, N. Y., January 12, 1869. As a result of this union, eight children were born to them, four boys and four girls; their names are as follows: Cynthia, deceased, the wife of the late Dr. S. H. French of Lisle; Sally, deceased, wife of the late Ira French; Lydia, deceased, who married John Ingerson; William S., a retired farmer of Greene; George N., the subject of this sketch; and Dr. Salphronius H., now retired, who lives at Chenango Forks.

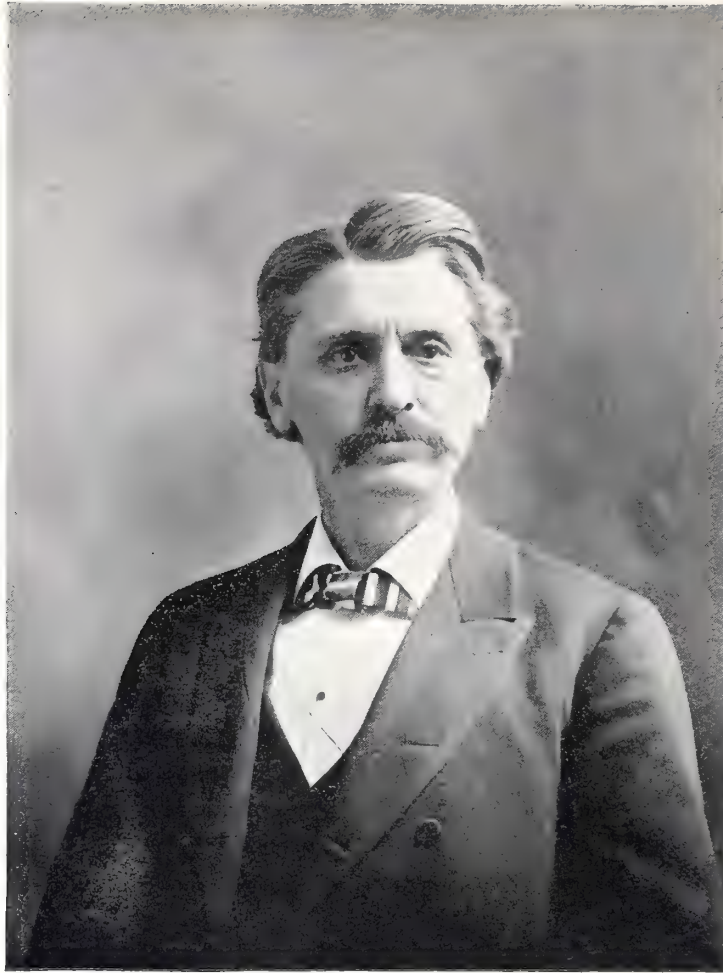
George N. Harrington grew to an active and self-reliant manhood in his native town, and received his education in the public schools. He has always resided on the old homestead, and now owns it; it is an excellent farm of 120 acres, and is amply provided with good buildings and all of the improvements necessary to carry on agriculture profitably. He also owns two other fine farms in the county. Mr. Harrington has a well balanced mind, sound judgment and a good understanding of business matters,

which traits have undoubtedly contributed to his prosperity, while his work as an agriculturist has been of material benefit to his native county.

November 5, 1857, he was united in marriage with Miss Adaline M. Aldrich, a daughter of William Aldrich, whose home is in New Berlin, this county; she was born in Butternuts, Otsego County, N. Y., Oct. 9, 1833. They are the parents of three children: Elizabeth, who is now the wife of Ira Carley of Lisle; Lynn died in boyhood; and Ralph, who is living at home with his parents. They are consistent Christians, and are faithful members, she of the Baptist and he of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Harrington was at one time a member of the Good Templars Lodge. Politically, he is a stanch Republican.

GEORGE A. TIFFANY, a leading and well-to-do farmer of North Norwich township, is a son of Lewis and Maranda (Matthewson) Tiffany, and was born May 24, 1854, in the town of North Norwich, where he now resides. (For the ancestral history the reader is referred to the biography of William R. Tiffany.)

Lewis Tiffany, his father, was born in the same town July 17, 1817, and was educated in the district schools. He had been raised on a farm, and to agricultural occupations he turned his attention with such good results that he accumulated a large property, at one time owning 400 acres of fine farm land, upon part of which our subject now lives.



JUDGE ALBERT F. GLADDING.

He was a zealous Christian and a devout Methodist, contributing with a liberal hand toward the support of the church. He was married February 6, 1849, to Maranda Matthewson, and had a family of three sons and one daughter: Lewis; George A.; William; and Della. Of these children only one, the subject of this sketch, is now living. The father died in 1895, at the advanced age of seventy-eight years, with the consciousness of a well spent life. The mother was born November 2, 1823, and is still living at the age of seventy-four years, a bright, cheerful old lady.

The first school days of George A. Tiffany were spent in the district school, whence he advanced to the Norwich Academy, and from there to the Brockport State Normal School. This latter institution he attended for three years, and while there became a member of the Gamma Sigma Society. The following three years were spent in teaching in his home town, but he came of a race that were all, in their occupation, wedded to the soil, and were then, as they are now, among the substantial farmers of the county; so it was not strange to see him turn from the work of teaching to the more alluring employment of agriculture, and to-day he is a prosperous and enterprising farmer living on the old homestead, where he owns 276 acres of ground and runs a splendid dairy of 35 cows.

Mr. Tiffany took to himself a wife on December 31, 1879, the lady of his choice being Miss Nettie Garatt, a daughter of Francis Garatt, a farmer of the town of Plymouth, this county. They have three children,—

Frederick, Edward, and Sarah. Mr. Tiffany is a Republican and takes an active part in political work, doing much toward the success of his party in local elections. He is now serving his eleventh year as justice of the peace, his sixth year as supervisor, and has also served one term as collector.

The maternal great-grandfather of Mr. Tiffany was Daniel Matthewson, a native of Rhode Island. He came to Walworth, Wayne County, this state, where he made his home, carried on farming and raised his family of two sons and three daughters. One of these sons was the grandfather of our subject, Artemas Matthewson, also a native of Rhode Island. He came to this state, where he married Cynthia Tiffany and settled down to the life of a farmer. He held the office of supervisor for seven years, was poormaster and held other minor offices. He was something of a public character and very popular in his county. They were the parents of six children, namely: William H.; Alfred; Laura; Maranda M.; George B.; and Hiram D. Mr. Tiffany takes an active interest in all matters pertaining to agriculture, and has contributed no little to the advancement of farming interests. He is an energetic, zealous, public spirited citizen.

JUDGE ALBERT F. GLADDING, the able county judge and surrogate of Chenango County, whose residence is at the county seat in Norwich, is a descendant of John Gladding, who came from England in 1640, and settled in Bristol, Rhode

Island. His oldest child he named John, and for seven generations thereafter, the oldest child was a son and in every instance received the name of John.

The first of the Gladding family represented in Chenango County was John Gladding, who came from Bristol, R. I., and settled in Pharsalia, in 1816. This pioneer was the head of the seventh generation from the first John Gladding, and he was the father of James C. Gladding, and grandfather of Judge Albert F. Gladding.

James C. Gladding was born in Bristol, R. I., November 12, 1813, but was reared to manhood on his father's farm in Pharsalia. He followed agricultural pursuits on the old homestead until 1884, when he moved to Norwich, and there lived the last four years of his life, dying in 1892. In the community in which he lived and labored, he was a leading spirit in all public enterprises. He was constant and persevering in his efforts, and whatever he undertook to accomplish, that he pushed through to success, unmindful of obstacles or hindering circumstances. His business ability was of such an order as would have shone in more extended fields, and even as it was, though his chief pursuit was farming, he was also engaged in other enterprises, some of which were of considerable importance. His was a hospitable nature, nothing delighting him more than to entertain friends at his bountiful board, or to offer good cheer to the stranger that chanced his way. He performed his duties faithfully as a good, upright, intelligent citizen, and deserved the encomiums of praise that were bestowed upon his memory when his funeral

obsequies took place. He married Mary A. Fargo, who still survives him and lives in Norwich; she was born July 3, 1813. The following children were born to them: Eliza Ann (Brown); Squire James; Mary Jane (Hill); Judge Albert F., our subject; Cynthia A. (Eddy); Nancy C. (Beebe); Rosa A. (Kellogg); Benjamin F.; and John E.

Judge Gladding was born in the township of Pharsalia, N. Y., December 9, 1842. He early developed a love for knowledge, and an aptitude for continued and applied efforts in pressing forward toward the goal; with no other educational facilities than the district school and the home circle, he fitted himself to be a teacher. Working hard and long, and paying his own way, he became a student in Norwich Academy, where he made his mark as one of the brightest and most promising young men of the institution. In 1866, he entered the law office of Hon. David L. Follett as a student of the legal profession; by hard and systematic study, in scope most comprehensive and thorough, he gained early admission to the bar in May, 1869. He at once entered upon the practice of his profession in Norwich village, and was soon after elected to the office of justice of the peace. However, a large and increasing practice prevented his giving much time to the duties of the office, but enough was seen by his fellow citizens to warrant their coming to the conclusion that he possessed a logical, critical, and well balanced mind, that type of intellect that makes the best lawyer and the ideal judge. After eight years of practice he was admitted to the bar of the United States Supreme Court. He has had

in charge many cases of great importance, and failure has not fallen to his lot, when success was possible by any exertions on his part. He has proven himself a safe counselor, as an attorney, whose best services are always at the command of his clients.

In 1883, Judge Gladding was first nominated to the office of county judge and surrogate by the Republican party, of which he has ever been a loyal member; he failed of an election, for he and other good candidates were sacrificed for the discipline of the party. But in 1889 his race for the same office proved successful, and he was given a tenure of office of six years by his Republican supporters. In 1895 he was re-elected, being indorsed this time by all the parties, and encountering no opposition. It was a splendid endorsement for the manner in which he filled the office, and an expression of confidence in his ability that was indeed pleasing to the Judge.

Our subject was joined in marriage, in 1881, with Grace V. E. (Randall) Owen, daughter of I. H. Owen of Auburn, N. Y., and to them were given four children, namely: Robert F.; Grace; Gladys; and Gertrude. The family are attendants of the Norwich Episcopal Church, of which Judge Gladding is an honored vestryman. He has been intimately connected with a number of semi-public enterprises, that have been the means of bringing much prosperity and good times to Norwich. He is a director of the Chenango National Bank, of which he was one of the organizers in 1883. He also organized and incorporated, with a number of his business associates, the Norwich Water Works

Company, and has been a trustee in the corporation since. In 1889, he was an organizer and promoter of the Norwich Furniture Company. He is respected and honored by men of every walk in life, and is regarded as a man of moral habits, integrity, and high purposes in life. We present on a preceding page an excellent portrait of Judge Gladding, executed from a recent photograph.

AMAZIAH DELOSS PARKER, who is numbered among the solid business men of Otselic Center, where he conducts a general merchandise store, and acts as postmaster of the village, was born July 9, 1826, in what is now called the town of Cuyler, but then a part of Truxton, Cortland County, N. Y. He is a son of Amaziah and Eliza (Wilcox) Parker, and grandson of Amasa Parker. Amasa Parker was a native of Tolland County, Conn., but moved to the town of Homer, Cortland County, N. Y., where he was one of the earliest settlers; he followed the occupation of a farmer. He was twice married and reared a family of six children, of whom one was Amaziah, the father of our subject.

Amaziah Parker was born in 1806, and was reared on a farm. He engaged in the hotel business for fifty years and made a reputation for himself; his hotel was always neat and home-like, and he always made it as pleasant as possible for his guests. At various times he conducted hotels in Otsego, Onondaga, and Cortland counties, and the last one at Otselic, Chenango County. He died at Ot-

selic, where he had for some time lived a retired life. He was married three times, his first wife being Miss Eliza Wilcox, who was a daughter of Edward and Anna (Benjamin) Wilcox, the former of whom was engaged in farming in what is now the town of Cuyler. Mrs. Wilcox was a daughter of Darius Benjamin, a soldier of the Revolutionary War, and a niece of Captain Benjamin of the 1812 War with England. Darius Benjamin was a native of Connecticut and one of the early settlers of Truxton, Cortland County, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Parker became the parents of six children, four sons and two daughters, namely: Amaziah Deloss; Edward D., a farmer and jeweler of Georgetown, Madison County, N. Y.; Henry, deceased, was a hotel keeper of South Otselic; Stephen W., a farmer of the town of Otselic; Anna Eliza, deceased, was the wife of David Benjamin; and Mary, who is the wife of Clark Cook, a resident of Mount Blanchard, Ohio. His second wife's maiden name was Diana Franklin. Miss Lovina Compton was his last wife, and to their union one child was born, Mardula, who married Floyd Marble of Syracuse, N. Y.

Amaziah Deloss Parker remained at home with his parents and attended the district schools during his boyhood, after which he became clerk in his father's hotel. At the age of eighteen he engaged in tilling the soil as a means of earning a competence, and he continued at this occupation until 1873; he then engaged in the mercantile business at Otselic Center, where he still remains. He carries a full line of general merchandise of excellent quality; he quickly acquired a good

trade, and now enjoys a lucrative business. He is a public-spirited man and takes a deep interest in politics; he is a Gold Democrat, and in the election of 1896 cast his vote for McKinley. He has held the office of collector, clerk, and has been either deputy or postmaster of Otselic Center since 1873. Mr. Parker is pleasantly situated in regard to his home life, as he is blessed with a good wife, to whom he was wedded July 7, 1844. Mrs. Parker's maiden name was Mabel Buckingham, and she was born March 30, 1826; she is a daughter of Reuben Buckingham, who was one of the early settlers of the town of Otselic. The following is the record of the ten children who have hallowed her marriage with Mr. Parker: Catharine, who died in girlhood; Joseph D., who died April 4, 1897; Francelia L., who lives at home; Lucinda, wife of Elwin S. Newitt, a grocer and hardware dealer of De Ruyter, N. Y.; Mary, who is the wife of Daniel Dye, a wagon maker of Otselic; James, who died when but two years of age; Franklin, who also died at the age of two years; Henry, who died in childhood; Adelbert, who died at the age of eleven years; and Katie, who died at the age of twenty-two years.

RANSOM BUTTS, proprietor of a general merchandise store in Plymouth, is a shrewd business man and a representative citizen of Chenango County, and has the respect of the entire community. He was born September 5, 1852, in the town of Otselic, this county.

His immediate ancestors were Samuel C. and Eliza M. (McMinn) Butts, also natives of Otselic.

Samuel C. Butts was a son of Alexander Butts, who was a blacksmith, and who followed that trade in connection with farming. Alexander Butts at one time owned a farm of 150 acres. He was a Whig, but when that party was merged into the Republican party, he united with the Republicans, and so continued through his life. He was of a religious temperament, and his life was governed by the Golden Rule, his aim being to follow the precepts of the Master, as demonstrated by the teachings of the Baptist Church. His wife was Laura Calkins, and eight children were given into their keeping. They were: Mary Ann; Betsey; Samuel C.; Alexander J., and Lysander, both of whom died young; Philander; and two that died in infancy. Alexander Butts died at the age of ninety-one years, at the home of his son, Samuel C., where he was living. After leaving the public school, where he received his education, Samuel C. Butts learned the trade of a blacksmith, which he followed for years. He also engaged in the mercantile business at Beaver Meadows, at which place he was postmaster. In early life he was a Republican, but not liking the party's attitude in regard to the liquor question, he became a Prohibitionist, and cast his vote with that body. He served three years as fifer in the Civil War, in Co. K, 114th Reg., N. Y. Vol. Inf. He was married to Eliza M. McMinn, two sons being the fruit of this union: Ransom; and W. R. Samuel C. Butts is now in a better world,

but his wife is still left to add to the happiness of her children the blessing of her presence.

Ransom Butts attended the district schools, and there received his educational training. He then entered his father's shop and learned the trade, becoming an expert smith, and working some time with his father at Beaver Meadows, and then at Plymouth, until 1891, when he opened a store there. In this establishment can be found everything usually kept in any large general store, and it fills a long felt want in the village. He is a most energetic, wide-awake, and thoroughly reliable man of business, and his constant endeavor is to sustain the reputation so generally accorded him, of being an honest, conscientious merchant. His customers cover a large territory and constitute a highly desirable class.

Mr. Butts is a stalwart Republican and has taken an active interest in the affairs of the party, contributing largely to the success of that organization in local elections. He was postmaster from 1891 to 1895, under Harrison, and for four years served as justice of the peace of the town of Plymouth. He was at one time elected to that office in the town of Otselic, but refused to accept the proffered position. He was married June 20, 1876, to Flora E. Daly, only daughter of John Daly, who at that time was a farmer of Otselic. They have one child, Walter, a bright young man, who is his father's assistant in the store. For the past three years Mr. Butts has held his present position as treasurer of the Plymouth Cheese Factory. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge of Norwich, No.

305; is a Knight Templar, and is also a member of the Royal Arch Chapter of Norwich, N. Y. He has been an active worker since his membership with the lodge, in December, 1896, and is a pleasant, agreeable companion.

MARCUS D. BOTSFORD, the well-known cashier of the Sherburne National Bank, was born at Morris, Otsego County, N. Y., and is a son of Daniel and Phœbe (Rockwell) Botsford. Daniel Botsford was a native of Connecticut, and at an early age came to this state, locating in Otsego County. There he was engaged in the tilling of the soil until 1855, when he went to Scranton, Pa., and followed mercantile business for some time. He was also a carpenter by trade, and followed that occupation several years in Scranton. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Phœbe Rockwell, who died in 1891, aged eighty-seven years. Their union was blessed by the births of the following children: Henry, deceased; Ezra V., deceased; Eliza, deceased; Carrie E.; and Marcus D., in whom the interest of this sketch centers.

Marcus D. Botsford was reared in the town of Morris, and received his intellectual training in the common schools. He became teller at an early age in the banking house of A. N. Meylert & Co. of Scranton, Pa., and later accepted a like position with the Second National Bank of Scranton, which he held for four years. His next business venture was in mercantile business in partnership with a Mr. Rockwell, under the firm

name of Rockwell & Botsford. He continued to be thus occupied for four years, and in 1876 came to Sherburne, which has ever since been his home. He at once assumed an important position in the life of the community as the Co. of White, Smith & Co., manufacturers of cheese. Later the firm became White & Botsford, and after a time Mr. Botsford became sole proprietor. At one time the firm owned and operated as many as twenty-seven factories, three of them being in St. Lawrence County. Mr. Botsford was a shrewd and successful business man, and realized handsome profits from these factories. A few years later he disposed of his factories, and purchased the Barber farm; after tilling the soil for a few years, he sold the farm to his brother, Ezra V., who still owns it. In 1894, our subject was called to accept his present position as cashier of the Sherburne National Bank, which he has since faithfully held. He has had a long and varied business career, thereby gaining greatly in experience, which, combined with his superior natural abilities, makes his services valuable.

Our subject was united in the holy bonds of wedlock with Miss Annie R. White, daughter of Dr. Devillo and Caroline (Pratt) White. Dr. Devillo White was born February 11, 1801, at Bainbridge, and was a son of Asa White. Having no chance to study for his profession in a medical college, he set about with great strength of will and determination to master the fundamental principles of his profession alone. By dint of hard study and close application to his work, he mastered the required studies, and was



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licensed to practice at the age of twenty-three years. Poor in pocket but rich in determination and ambition, he entered upon his practice in Sherburne. By arduous efforts and strict attention to business, mingled with economy, he made a success of his life, and as years rolled by many of his young associates in business are forgotten, but Dr. White's name as a physician, friend, neighbor, and townsman grew into prominence, and is with great pride carried down to the rising generation. In 1857, he erected an octagonal brick house, which was then considered the finest in the county. Shrubbery and shade trees were set out, and the green lawn was indeed beautiful to look upon. He built and owned the town hall, and was also the proprietor of several farms in the county. In the fierce political contests of his younger years he was a Whig adherent, but latterly supported the Republican party. In 1824 he was united in marriage with Caroline Pratt, a daughter of Joshua Pratt, and as no children were born to bless their union, they adopted two daughters, namely: Ellen, who married Dr. Van Keuren, is now deceased; and Annie R., the wife of our subject. Mrs. White was born in the village of Sherburne, and is now living at the advanced age of ninety-four years, and resides with our subject. Her health is remarkably good, and she is a regular attendant at religious services. Neither her hearing nor her sight is impaired in the slightest, and she is a pleasant conversationalist. She has been a lifelong resident of Sherburne, and her friends are numbered by her acquaintances.

In political belief, Mr. Botsford is a firm

believer in the principles advocated by the Republican party, upon which principles he believes the prosperity of our country depends. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic lodge, F. and A. M.

RCHARLES WILLARD, a resident of Chenango Forks and one of the finest house painters and decorators in the county, was born at "Willards," Chenango County, April 15, 1848. His parents are Oliver H. and Deborah Ann (Richards) Willard, and his grandparents Dea. Oliver and Lydia (Hall) Willard. These ancestors were among the very first to settle in Chenango County, and, amid the privations and want which the early settlers alone have felt and can understand, helped to build up the country, and lay the foundation for the success that makes the county what it is to-day.

The Willard family originated from Caen, in Normandy, when the name was spelled Villiard, and was seated in the County of Sussex, England, during the reign of Edward III., at which time the name was changed to Willard. From one Richard Willard, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, the family is descended in a direct line of father and son to the gentleman whose name heads this biography, as follows: Richard Willard, father of Major Simon, father of Dea. William, father of Simon, father of Solomon, father of Dea. Oliver, father of Oliver H., father of R. Charles. Richard Willard settled within a few miles of the border of Sussex County, at Horsemonden, Kent, England, where he held

an estate in the Hundredth of Branchley and Horsemonden, and died there in 1617. He was the father of Major Simon, the colonist, who in 1634 came with his wife, Mary Sharp, and settled at Cambridge, Mass., and was known to have been possessed of abundant means. He was later one of the founders of Concord, and for thirty-five years was a member of the General Court of the colony. He was proud of his descent, and made use of the family crest and coat of arms. He was commander-in-chief of the military force in King Phillip's War, and died at Charlestown, Mass., April 24, 1676. It was his son, the Rev. Samuel, who was the author of the "Body of Divinity," and another son, Simon, was installed pastor of Old South Church, Boston, Mass., in 1678, and was vice-president of Harvard College from 1701 to 1707.

Simon Willard, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, was married to Abigail Belden, of Lenox, Mass., and was the father of four sons: Horace, Oliver, Joseph, and Simon. He was the architect of the Bunker Hill Monument, his services beginning in November, 1826, the contract lasting one year, and being renewed from year to year until the work was completed, July 23, 1842, when the capstone, weighing $2\frac{1}{2}$ tons, was put in place. In 1826 he started a subscription for the monument, at the Quincy House, in Quincy, Mass., and headed the list with \$1,000.00.

Dea. Oliver Willard, the grandfather, was born in Lenox, Mass., April 27, 1783. His father was a native of Petersham, N. H. Dea. Oliver received a good liberal education, and then learned the trade of a cloth dresser, dyer and carder. In the spring of 1805, he

brought his mother, then a widow, and two apprentice boys, named Stevens, to this state. The journey was made with teams and lumber wagons through the then unbroken and uncultivated wilds, and the place chosen for their home was near Chenango Forks, where he bought a piece of land and erected a small house, the property now known as the Henry Haoadley estate. He then purchased a water privilege of Simeon Rogers and John Barker, and assisted in the construction of a more durable dam, on the site of the present one. There he put up a building for carding, dressing and dyeing cloth, and operated it some five years, when he sold it to his two apprentices, the Stevens. He then purchased a tract of land, consisting of 115 acres, which extended from the river, where the bridge now is, to Absalom Terwilliger's place, taking in half of the noted spring. He paid \$5.00 per acre for this land, which was then covered by heavy timber. It was known as the Craig tract and the only building on it was a log house, which stood on the ground now occupied by Mrs. Hunter's residence.

He cleared off nearly all the timber, sold building lots, and in 1821 built a tavern which he opened to the public; it had a rum pole seventy feet high with three large balls on the top. Later he rented this hotel and built a farm house, where he resided the remainder of his life. This farm is now owned and occupied by Mrs. William Terwilliger. He helped to build the first church which was erected by the Congregational society, and did a great deal to help improve and build up the village. He was a staunch Dem-

ocrat and held many town offices. He accumulated a nice fortune, and died June 5, 1867, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. After disposing of his carding and cloth dressing factory, he returned to Lenox, Mass., and there contracted marriage with Orilla Matomb, who died at the end of two years, as did her infant. In 1813 he was again married, the lady being Lydia Hall, also of Lenox. She died, leaving six children: Emma; Orilla; Oliver H.; Emily; Fanny; and John M. He then married Harriet Hollister, who died leaving four children: Sarah, Simon, Harriet, and Electa. His fourth wife was Ann C. Gates.

Oliver H. Willard, the father of our subject, was born November 27, 1817, and at the age of twenty-six bought the hotel of his father and carried on the business until 1870. During this time he had enlarged the hotel and added a livery stable, while he dealt in horses and at the same time ran a grocery store. He then bought a farm, which he improved, until it was second to none in his part of the county. He sold his hotel property to the D., L. & W. R. R. and moved on his farm, remaining there until 1897, when he retired to the village of Chenango Forks. He is a Democrat and has held several offices. He is a member of the Eastern Light Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 126. He was joined in marriage with Miss Deborah Ann, daughter of Morgan and Armenia (Thral) Richards, by whom he had five children, as follows: Lucy Jane; Revila Charles; Wilbur G.; Rosalie A.; and Frank L. Mrs. Willard entered into her eternal rest, July 24, 1897, at the age of seventy years.

R. Charles Willard received his primary education in the district schools, which training was supplemented by a course at the Ames Commercial College of Syracuse, from which he graduated. His first work was performed as a clerk for D. Lowell, and his next engagement was with J. H. Hunter, when he took the management of Mr. Hunter's patent hay fork, representing him through the west. After severing his connection with Mr. Hunter, he built himself a handsome residence in Chenango Forks, where he has since lived and plied his trade of house decorator and painter, with the exception of eight years. Four of these eight years were spent at Ralston, Pa., as manager of the mills, and in building a line of railroad for the McIntyre Coal Co. He also furnished props for these mines, a business connection that proved quite profitable to him. The next four years were spent in Elmira as superintendent of construction of the Telephone Company's lines. Since then he has been manager of the painting for the D., L. & W. R. R. from Binghamton to Utica.

Mr. Willard was united in marriage with Miss Alice E. Salisbury, to whom has been born but one child, a son, Oliver L., who resides at home. Mrs. Willard is a daughter of Loren and Eveline (Hoard) Salisbury, a granddaughter of Cyrus and Sarepta (Lull) Salisbury, and a great-granddaughter of Thomas and Hannah Salisbury of Situate, R. I. Cyrus Salisbury was born there in 1794, and came to Solon, N. Y., where he followed farming until his death, which occurred at the age of sixty-six years. His wife died at the age of seventy years. Their

children were Loren ; Noyes ; and Hannah. Loren Salisbury, the father of Mrs. Willard, was born at Solon, N. Y., and studied medicine, graduating from the Vermont Medical College, at Burlington. He began the practice of his profession at Castle Creek, this state; from there he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and later to Killawog, N. Y., in both of which places he ran a drug store in connection with his practice. He was for a time located in Oak Park, Ill., but later returned to Marathon, N. Y., where he spent the remaining years of his life. He was a skillful and painstaking physician, and was well liked by all. He died at the age of sixty-four years, his wife at the age of seventy-one. Their children were, Cyrus, Frank, Alice E., Judson, and Ellen G. Mr. Willard has nearly all his life been a resident of this county, and is well known, everybody being his friend. He is a Democrat politically, and for five years served as justice of the peace, and is at present notary public. He is a member of the Eastern Light Lodge, No. 126, F. & A. M., and also of the Tioughnioga Lodge, I. O. R. M.

On another page of this work in proximity to this, and in connection with the foregoing biographical record, is shown a portrait of Oliver H. Willard, the esteemed father of our subject.

GEORGE B. COE, dealer in real estate and a prominent citizen of Oxford, was born in the city of Oswego, N. Y., January 6, 1849. He is a son of Dr. Alfred and Sarah A. (Mygatt) Coe.

Ira Coe, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of New York State, where he lived and grew up to follow the pursuits of an agriculturist, and was identified with the development of the soil all his life. Mr. Coe was very prominent in his day, both in national and local politics. He was a Democrat, and earnestly advocated and supported the principles of his party. He was a good man and a valuable citizen, and held several offices. He was married to Miss Elizabeth Norton of Guilford, Conn., and six children were reared by them, namely: Alfred B., father of our subject; Elizabeth; James N.; Catherine; Charles, deceased; and Mary J. Ira Coe was a member of the Episcopal Church.

Dr. Alfred Coe received his primary education in the common schools and then attended Fairfield Seminary of Herkimer County, N. Y. He then read medicine for some time and entered the Medical Department of the University of Philadelphia, Pa. After receiving a diploma, and after becoming qualified to practice, he located in Oswego, N. Y., and took up his chosen profession. He was a man whose trained abilities and skilled resources brought him into public notice and won for him the regard, esteem and respect that were justly due a man of his usefulness in the life of the community. His work as a physician, from its innate nature, was of the kind that brought him into the closest relationship with the people. Mr. Coe was an unyielding Democrat, and was appointed health officer for a number of years. In religious views he was a member of the Episcopal Church. He was married to Sarah A. Mygatt, and they reared three



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children, namely: George B.; William M. married Lucia Windsor of Guilford, N. Y., and there were born to them two children, James W. and Alfred W.; and Caroline E., deceased. Mr. Coe died August 13, 1854, at the age of thirty-six years. Mrs. Coe passed to the unknown March 1, 1893, at the age of seventy-one years.

George B. Coe was educated in the common schools of Oxford and then attended the Polytechnic Institute of Troy, N. Y. Leaving school at an early age he joined a surveyor's party and went to the State of Minnesota, where he remained a short time; returning home he soon left in company with his cousin, Benjamin S. Miller, for the southern part of Kansas and Indian Territory, where they engaged in ranching. In 1881 he returned home and has since looked after the estate. He also deals extensively in real estate, in which he is very successful. He has always been a Republican, and supports the party of that name both by vote and voice. He chose for his life companion Florence Brewster of Schoharie County, N. Y., and they were married June 28, 1882, and their home has been blessed by one child, Ralph B., who is now attending school at Oxford, this county. Socially, he is a member of the I. O. O. F. Mr. Coe and family are in their religious views members of the Congregational Church, and support the church of that denomination in Oxford. Firm in his convictions, and decided in his opinions, he never hesitates to take a bold stand against what he considers to be injustice, and to fight to the best of his ability against the threatening evil. He is one of the best of good

citizens, in the number of which Oxford is especially fortunate, and has ever done what he could toward the betterment of the different phases of society found there.

ARTHUR GREENE, formerly a prosperous farmer of the town of Butter-nuts, Otsego County, is now living in retirement in the village of South New Berlin, having carried on the pursuits of agriculture successfully and accumulated a competency. He was born on the old homestead in the town of Norwich, August 17, 1826, and is a son of Arthur and Cynthia (Thornton) Greene.

His grandfather was Captain Edward Greene, who was born and reared in Rhode Island. In 1790, accompanied by his family, he came to the State of New York and located in the town of Norwich. The journey was long and tedious as they came overland by means of ox teams and encountered many hardships. They often went to bed hungry, subsisting mainly on wild game and fish, in which the forests and streams abounded. They settled on the Unadilla River a short distance below White Store, in the town of Norwich, where they took up a large tract of land. The country was wild and unbroken; and the hand of civilization had as yet made but few changes. They were obliged to go to New Berlin for their flour and meal, and as there was no pathway they were obliged to follow "blazed" trees. When returning by night they were often followed by a howling pack of wolves, and found it necessary to

carry fire-brands with which to keep them off. It was the persistent determination of those pioneers who first opened up the way, that has brought about the splendid results which are now so familiar to us that we seldom pause to reflect upon what they cost. Two prominent contemporaries of his in pioneer life were Major Richmond and Jacob Reynolds. Besides farming he conducted a hotel which was a popular meeting place of the settlers, who would gather in the evenings and spin yarns and smoke their pipes. He was a captain of the old state militia. In religious belief, he was an earnest supporter of the doctrines of the Universalist Church. Capt. Greene's long and useful life came to an end about 1824, and his wife passed away in 1814, dying at the age of fifty-six.

Arthur Greene, the father of our subject, was born in the State of Rhode Island, August 2, 1785, and came with his family to the town of Norwich, where he spent his entire life on the old homestead. He owned and cultivated 160 acres of the tract settled upon by his father. He was a Democrat in his political affiliations, and took a great interest in the local politics of his county. He was a man of decided opinions and fearless in giving them expression. He is amply entitled to the reward of the upright man and good citizen in the memory of his co-laborers. In religious belief, he was a Universalist in early life, but later became a member of the Methodist Church. He was united in marriage with Miss Cynthia Thornton, who was born in Rhode Island, June 6, 1791, and six children brightened their home, namely: Alanson, deceased, who was a farmer of the

town of Guilford; Philander, deceased, late a farmer of the town of Moriah; Almena S., who became the wife of Ziba Windsor; Nelson, a farmer and hop grower of the town of Guilford; Edward R., a retired farmer of the town of Butternuts, Otsego County, N. Y.; and Arthur, the subject of this personal history. Mr. Greene died June 11, 1848, and his beloved wife survived him fifteen years.

Arthur Greene was reared on the old homestead and received his primary education in the public schools. After his marriage in 1852, he moved to the town of Butternuts, where he was actively engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1885. He was an industrious worker and a successful manager, and he accumulated considerable wealth during his active life. In 1885 he retired to the village of South New Berlin, where he still lives. He rents his farm of 170 acres, which is located on the Unadilla River near White Store.

In political belief he is a Democrat, and votes uniformly and conscientiously with that party. February 4, 1852, he was united in marriage with Miss Harriet E. Thompson, and they were the proud parents of one son, George T., a progressive and energetic young man, who resided on his father's farm. George T. Greene formed a matrimonial alliance with Fannie M. Colburn, October 24, 1883, but she was bereaved of his companionship by death, April 24, 1886, and she herself died May 20, 1893. Mrs. Arthur Greene is a loving mother and wife, an amiable and accomplished lady, and makes her home a pleasant and attractive spot. Mr. Greene is truly a self-made man, having started out in

life with little means but with perseverance, a desire to do well what was to be done, and an evident determination to win his way in the great battle of life. He has succeeded beyond his fondest expectation. He is not only one of the prominent men of South New Berlin, but is honored and respected wherever known. Portraits of both Mr. and Mrs. Greene are shown on other pages of this work.

HENRY HOLMES, a retired farmer and produce dealer of Columbus, N. Y., was born in the town of Bridgewater, Oneida County, N. Y., July 13, 1816. He is a son of Isaac and Sarah (Ketchum) Holmes, grandson of Jacob and Anna (Titus) Holmes, and great-grandson of Jonathan Holmes. Jonathan Holmes is supposed to have emigrated to this country from the Old World. He moved to Oneida County, and after remaining there some years he died. His son Jacob was born in Dutchess County. About the time he attained his majority, he moved to Bridgewater, Oneida County, N. Y. There he remained several years, but died in Columbus, this county, in 1864, aged eighty-six years. He was known to his neighbors as an honest, upright man, and an honor to his chosen occupation. He had three children,—Titus, Sarah, and Isaac. Isaac Holmes was born in Dutchess County, and with his father he moved to Oneida County. In 1827 he came to the town of Columbus, Chenango County, and settled where Eugene Hopson now resides. There

he carried on general farming until he retired, a well-to do and successful man, to Columbus village to live. He died at the age of sixty years. Mrs. Holmes died aged sixty-one years. They reared a very large family of children, of whom only three are living; the record is as follows: Elias; Eliza; Gilbert; Jonathan; Phoebe; and Melle, all deceased; and Charles; Henry; and Platt, who still survive.

Henry Holmes' first settlement was on a tract of purchased farming land that is now known as the David Bryant farm, one of the best in the town of Columbus. There he carried on farming and made many improvements. Besides carrying on general farming he dealt in butter, cheese and wool. After living there for fifteen years, he sold his property and bought a home in Columbus Center. Later he purchased the present homestead, where he took up his former trade, and was the most active business man in butter, cheese, wool, and produce that the town ever had. He succeeded by his persistent energy and industry, with the exercise of good common sense, in accumulating a comfortable fortune, and has gradually retired to private life. Excepting the supervision he gives to his property, he is now practically retired, but is still a very active and energetic man. Physically, he is tall and as straight as an arrow, of powerful build, with features betraying energy, and maintaining an imposing appearance. He married Lucinda Howard, daughter of Stephen Howard, one of the first settlers that came to the town of Columbus. She died in 1895, at the age of eighty-six years. Their only child, Mary Ann, was

born July 12, 1848, and is caring for her father. She married O. D. Larchar, who for many years carried on carriage making and engaged in mercantile life at Columbus Center. In 1891 he departed this life, aged fifty-one years, leaving a wife and four children: Henry H. married Maud E. Hopson, and has one child, Roy H.; G. Myron, a prosperous farmer of Columbus, married Nellie M. Lottridge, and has one child, Guy H.; Dela M. remains at home; and Uri C., who also lives at home. In political views our subject is a staunch Republican, and has served his fellow-citizens as supervisor for two terms.

Mr. Holmes is a man of pleasing address; social and hospitable; generous and liberal in his sentiments; retaining the activity, vivacity and cheerfulness of youth, his life reveals the success that may be attained by self-reliance, integrity and persevering industry.

WILLIAM H. HOPSON, proprietor of the American Hotel at Sherburne, is "mine host" of one of the most popular public houses in this section of the State of New York. He was born in the above village, December 2, 1859, and is a son of Lewis D. and Lucy (Finks) Hopson, and grandson of Linas R. and Hannah (Gates) Hopson. Linas R. Hopson was a son of Herman Hopson, and was a native of Connecticut.

Linas R. Hopson learned the trade of a shoemaker, which he followed some years. In 1840 he came to the village of Sherburne, and built the old house where the

Central Hotel is now located. He followed his trade as a shoemaker until the Chenango Canal was built, and then he took contracts to build a portion of it near Oxford. Returning home, he enlarged his residence and opened a public house, which was known as the Union House. In connection with the hotel business he engaged in the distillery of malt liquors, but some forty years later he sold both establishments to James Harris, and bought and sold different properties, among which were the Agen, Olcott, White, and Knapp farms. He was residing upon the latter estate when his death occurred, in 1885, when he was aged eighty-two years. His wife, Hannah Gates, died at the age of eighty-one years. Their children were: Henry; George; Lewis D.; Smith P.; Newman G.; and Charles.

Lewis D., father of our subject, was born in the old Central Hotel, and after attaining his majority, he operated a saloon where the Whalens Hotel is now standing. The building and its contents were burned to the ground one night, and later Mr. Hopson sold the lot and purchased a tenement house, which he enlarged and opened the American Hotel, conducting it under the name of L. D. Hopson & Son. The building was a large three-story structure and contained forty rooms. Mr. Hopson passed from this life aged fifty-eight years. He was married to Miss Lucy Finks, daughter of William Finks. She is at present living with our subject, her only child, and is enjoying her usual good health.

Our subject received a liberal schooling, and then assisted his father in his business



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until he grew to manhood, when he entered into the hotel business with his father, and after his father's death carried on the hotel business alone. He has enlarged the building, fitted up the dining room and the sleeping apartments, and sets one of the finest tables of any hotel in this section. He is popular with the transients, and does all in his power to make it as homelike as possible.

He married Miss Catherine Hogan, who has proved herself a kind and loving wife, and much of the success of her husband is due to the part she has taken in the management of the hotel. They are the parents of one child, Maude, an accomplished musician and vocalist, who has rendered much service to the choir of the Christ Episcopal Church, and to musical conventions. Mr. Hopson is an active and consistent Republican, but has never aspired to office. He is an upright citizen, highly esteemed in his community, and exerts his influence in the promotion of its best interests.

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COLONEL WILLIAM B. GUERNSEY, a retired and honored citizen of Norwich, is an important factor of a well-to-do and intelligent community, and is contributing more than his share toward the maintenance of morality, good order, and all those things which constitute the welfare and prosperity of a prosperous city or village. He is a son of Peter B. and Mary (Bellamy) Guernsey, and a grandson of Peter B. and Mary (Spiers) Guernsey.

The family is of old colonial stock, Joseph

Guernsey, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, being a colonist of New Haven, Conn. His son, John Guernsey, was born in Litchfield, Conn., and at an early age came to Amenia, Dutchess County, N. Y., where he purchased a large tract of land. He followed agricultural pursuits and was one of the good substantial men of his time. He also practiced his profession. The farm has remained in the family since he settled on it, and is now a very valuable piece of property. He married Azubel Buel, by whom he had fifteen children, namely: Isaac; Azuba; Sarah; Lorus; Ebenezer; Rachel; Rhoda; John; Peter B., the grandfather of our subject; Joseph; Lydia; Ezekiel; Samuel; Ann; Davice. The family name was formerly spelled "Garnsey."

Peter B. Guernsey was born in Amenia in 1770, and was reared on his father's farm. He began the study of law with Chester Walworth of Saratoga, N. Y., and was admitted to the bar in 1795. He then went to Salina, Onondaga County, N. Y., remaining there two years, coming thence to Norwich in 1797. At that time there was no village, a very few settlers composing the community. In after days his family often heard him speak of the times when he was obliged to go to the mill at Chenango Point, now Binghamton, for provisions, or to attend court at Painted Post. He became a very prominent man, and did much to build up the village of Norwich, giving land freely for sites for the county buildings, and for the establishment of a park. He was an active and energetic man, and carried on several different lines of business; he manufactured linseed oil, operated

a woolen mill, and owned an ashery and saw and grist mills. His position in political circles was no unimportant one, for he was held in the highest esteem, and was the first Whig Assemblyman sent to Albany from the Chenango district. His companion in life was Mary Spiers of New Lebanon, and they were the parents of the following children: Peter B.; Polly; William; and Lavinia.

Peter B. Guernsey, Jr., our subject's father, assisted in the duties that presented themselves upon his father's estates, but at an early age his health failed him. He traveled in England and on the Continent in the vain hope of securing freedom from the disease that was oppressing him, but it was all of no avail, and he was called to lay down his burden at the early age of thirty years. His marriage had been with Mary Bellamy, daughter of Joel Bellamy of Catskill, N. Y., a union that was productive of two children, namely: William B., the subject of this personal history; and Augustus, who died in infancy. Mrs. Guernsey's second union was with Dr. Henry Mitchell of Norwich. She passed to her reward in 1878, at an advanced age.

William B. Guernsey, our subject, is a man of superior education, having graduated from Troy University. He also studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1852. He inherited considerable property, which required his undivided attention, leaving him no time, therefore, for the practice of his profession. During the late War of the Rebellion, he served successively as captain and as colonel; he enlisted in the summer of 1861, and received his final discharge in the

fall of 1865. Upon resuming peaceful occupations, Colonel Guernsey remodeled the old homestead, made other improvements, and has lived there since. It is one of the most beautiful residences in the county, and the interior is fully in keeping with the prepossessing architectural exterior. It is furnished with rare good taste, and adorning the walls are to be seen beautiful paintings, some by the masterly hand of Mrs. Guernsey. She is without doubt the best artist in her section of the county, and her works are highly complimented by all who have the pleasure of viewing them. This talented lady takes great pride in her collection of paintings, and has purchased some very fine ones, having the most valuable in this part of the state. Besides the old homestead, Colonel Guernsey owns other valuable estates in and about Norwich.

Mrs. Guernsey, who before her marriage with our subject, was known to a large circle of acquaintances as Jane Madelia Maydole, doubtless inherits her acknowledged artistic and executive abilities from her father, David Maydole, who by means of his hammers acquired fame and prosperity for himself and the village of Norwich, where he passed his life. An interesting account of his life appears on another page. Our subject and wife are liberal in their religious beliefs, and contribute generously to whatever affects the welfare of their town. Colonel Guernsey is living a quiet and unostentatious life as a good citizen, a kind neighbor and generous friend, and filling his position in the world as a promoter of every good work and purpose, socially, morally, and religiously.

After the war, Colonel Guernsey spent much of his time as an inventor, and obtained patents on all phases of electric bank and police protection, inventions that are now extensively used in the principal cities of the United States. We present on a preceding page a portrait of this prominent, well-esteemed citizen of Norwich.

ROBERT E. MILLER, M. D., is an able and successful practitioner of Oxford, Chenango County, N. Y., where he located thirty-seven years ago and began the practice of his profession. He was born in New Canaan, Conn., August 27, 1837, and is a son of John B. and Abigail A. (Finch) Miller. The father was a native of Westchester County, N. Y., and the mother of New Canaan, Conn.

Increase Miller, the grandfather, spent the greater part of his life in Westchester, where he was engaged in agriculture. His last days were passed at the home of his son, John B., where he quietly breathed his last. In matters of religion he was inclined to be liberal, subscribing to none of the orthodox creeds and dogmas, but being perfectly willing to trust everything to an all wise Providence, resting contentedly in the belief that a loving Father would temper justice with mercy, in dealing with his children. His family included the following children: Mary; Charlotte; Anar; Caroline; Betsey; Elsie A.; Ralsey; and John B., the father of our subject.

John B. Miller received a common school

education and then engaged in the time honored occupation of husbandry. He left Connecticut about the year 1839, and came to Otsego County, this state, purchasing a farm near Unadilla, where the remainder of his life was spent. He was considered a very prosperous man, for the times, and amassed quite a considerable property. He was a Whig of the Henry Clay type, and was among the first to join the ranks of the Republican party, upon its formation. Caleb Finch lived neighbors to the Millers in Connecticut, and the friendship existing between the two families was cemented by the union of John B. Miller with Abigail Finch. Four of the children born to this couple lived to become citizens of honor and usefulness, the others dying in early life. The surviving children are as follows: Robert E.; Addie E., the wife of D. M. Ferry, whose name is familiar in almost every household in the United States, as the reliable Detroit, Mich., seedsman,—they have four children, Edith, deceased, Blanche, Dexter M., Jr., and Addie; Dr. Christopher C., a resident of Detroit, Mich., married Ellen Stratton of Oxford, N. Y., and has two children, J. Sherman and Raymond; Sherman R. is the superintendent of D. M. Ferry's Canadian Seed Store, and is also a manufacturer of silverware both in Detroit and Canada. Sherman R. Miller married Estella Flandreau of Brooklyn, by whom he has six children: Sherman R., Jr.; Addie; Mattie; Grace; Leroy; and Christine C. Mr. and Mrs. Miller were Presbyterians, and led upright Christian lives. He was called to his reward in 1868, at the age of sixty-two years, while his wife survived

him almost thirty years, entering the dreamless sleep in 1895, at the great age of eighty-four years.

Dr. Robert E. Miller received his primary education in the common schools and Gilbertsville Academy, in Otsego County, which was still further supplemented by attendance at the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio. He left college in 1857, a sophomore, to read medicine with J. Ralsey White of Gilbertsville, later of New York City. He took a course of lectures in the Albany Medical College, and entered the Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia, from which he graduated in May, 1861. He located in Oxford the following May and began the practice of his profession, winning the confidence of the people by the care and skill displayed in his methods of treatment, and the great number of cures he effected. He was untiring in his efforts to become what he now is,—a skillful and efficient physician. He is very popular throughout the community, and his practice is all that could be desired, large and lucrative. He is a member of the Chenango County Homeopathic Medical Society; the New York State Homeopathic Medical Society; and the Medical Institute of Homeopathy. He keeps well abreast the times in regard to the happenings in the medical world of science, and has done a great deal to advance the cause of the homeopathic school in this part of the state.

Dr. Miller was united in the bonds of wedlock, in 1865, with Miss Roxcie M. Westover, a daughter of Orlin and Betsey Westover of Oxford. She is a most estimable woman and

an exemplary wife. They have no children of their own, and have taken into their hearts and home an adopted daughter, Emma L., who is a pleasant, well informed young lady, and an accomplished musician, now devoting her time to the study of classical music. Dr. Miller is a stalwart Republican and particularly well posted on political questions, but has never been an aspirant to office, feeling that the position of a petty office holder offers but little inducement to a man, who wishes to become of real service to humanity.

JAMES K. SPAULDING. A name that will call up a smile of pleasant recollection to the traveling public that has made a stopping place at Norwich and Syracuse, is that of the popular ex-proprietor of the Eagle Hotel, James K. Spaulding. He was born in Gilbertsville, Otsego County, N. Y., November 18, 1846, and is a son of Ira and Esther (Hickock) Spaulding.

Ira Spaulding had a most excellent reputation as the proprietor of a hostelry that was first-class in all its appointments. He made it the study of his life how to best please his guests, and the reputation of his establishment reached far and wide. In the early part of his life he lived in Franklin, Delaware County, whence he moved to Gilbertsville, and later to Norwich, where he became the proprietor of the Palmer House, and afterwards kept the Spaulding House. He was a Democrat in politics. Mr. Spaulding was a strictly temperate man, and never drank a drop of liquor nor used tobacco in any form.

His union with Esther Hickock resulted in the birth of two children, James K., our subject, and Henry D., a traveling salesman, at present residing in Mexico, Oswego County, and at one time proprietor of the Spaulding House at Norwich. Ira Spaulding died at the Spaulding House at the age of sixty-two.

James K. Spaulding attended the Norwich public schools and Norwich Academy, and later graduated from the Lowell Business College of Binghamton. For ten years or more after leaving school he was occupied with different employments before entering on his successful career as a hotel man. For the first twenty months he was employed in the capacity of clerk by Miller & Carr, wholesale produce merchants of Pearl Street, New York City; at the end of that time he was compelled to return home to take care of his father, whose continued ill health required his son's presence. He then engaged as clerk in the dry goods store of John O. Hill & Co. of Norwich, and remained with them two years, leaving them to accept a position with W. H. Chapman & Co. of the same village, continuing with the latter mercantile house four and one-half years. He then engaged in business on his own account for the first time, opening a boot and shoe store, which he conducted for two years, having a partner in the person of Billings Wheeler. He then entered the employ of H. B. Vancott & Co., for whom he worked two years, when he was appointed postmaster of Norwich, by President Hayes, and re-appointed by President Arthur. During this time Mr. Spaulding became identified with the hotel business, first with Martin McLean,

under the firm name of McLean & Spaulding, proprietors of the Eagle Hotel of Norwich; later he became the sole proprietor, and was actively engaged in that business from then until 1895. In 1891 he became interested in the Globe Hotel of Syracuse, N. Y., with Mr. Berry, and afterwards with Mr. Neeley. His success as a hotel man was phenomenal, and was no doubt due, in no small measure, to an inherited, no less than an acquired taste for that particular line of work. He gave the business his closest supervision, and no expense or trouble was spared to make the hotel service perfect, even to the smallest detail. That these efforts were not lost on those accepting of his hospitality was evidenced by the fact that once guests they were always guests when business afterwards called them to that locality. His last house of entertainment was the Maple Bay House on the lake, which he conducted with the best success and satisfaction, both to the guests and to himself. In 1895 he returned to Norwich and took up his residence on the Spaulding homestead, where he owns 117 acres. Since his short stay here, he has shown himself proficient as an agriculturist, and may well be classed as a progressive, model farmer. His farm is in a splendid state of cultivation and betokens constant attention. His herd of Jersey cows is a source of much pleasure and pride to him, and would be a credit to any farm. They consist of thirty head of the finest specimens of Jerseys to be obtained, and a lover of that class of animals would go into raptures over the beauty and good points to be observed in this herd of cattle. He sells the milk in the

village of Norwich, and as the villagers have not been slow in finding out the superior article he offered, he has consequently a most desirable class of customers. He also carries on general farming and derives a neat income from his well kept acres. He is an auctioneer of considerable repute, doing almost the entire auctioneering in the county. He is a man of sound judgment and not easily influenced; having made up his mind as to the right or wrong on any subject, he adheres firmly to that opinion unless he has the most conclusive proof to the contrary. He is a man of sterling worth and strict integrity, and his conduct in all business affairs is actuated by a desire to serve in such a manner as to promote the public welfare. He is most highly thought of in his county, and his services are in frequent demand as the appraiser of all kinds of property throughout the entire county. His early life has made him peculiarly fitted for this kind of work, as he has a wide and varied knowledge of the values and qualities of almost all articles of commerce, while his well known reputation for honesty and fair dealing make him a most desirable person where fairness and straight decisions are wanted as the results.

Mr. Spaulding was married when twenty-five years old to Miss Irene W. Bliven, a daughter of John Bliven. These nuptials were celebrated January 16, 1871, and four children have blessed their home, three of whom are still living. These children are: John I.; Minnie E., deceased; Marcia, and Caroline. Mr. Spaulding is a life-long Republican, and at different times served as assessor and trustee of the village. He entered

the fire department when quite a small boy, and was chief engineer and foreman for eight years. The Chenango County Agricultural Society chose him as its treasurer, and he is a member of the F. & A. M. and the Elks Lodge. He is a pleasant, genial, social gentleman, one whom many of our young men might pattern after in their efforts to make life a success.

JOHN H. CURTIS. The Rockdale Company of Guilford township, of which John H. Curtis is a member, manufactures butter, cheese, and casein, and operates creameries at Rockdale, Chatawichee, Glen Llewellyn, and Loomis. The company conducts business on the co-operative plan and Mr. Curtis acts as general manager. That he is well qualified to fill this position is demonstrated by the prosperous condition of the company. He was born in the town of Unadilla, Otsego County, N. Y., November 28, 1866, and is a son of Joseph D. and Melissa E. (Morgan) Curtis.

Zechariah Curtis, grandfather of our subject, was born in the State of Connecticut, and in 1800 came to Madison County, N. Y., where he remained a short time. He then moved to Unadilla, where he purchased a fine farm and tilled the soil until 1850. Leaving his farm in charge of his son, Joseph, he came to Rockdale where he was interested in a creamery and a mill. He remained here the rest of his days, dying in 1892, at the advanced age of ninety-two years. He was twice bound in the holy bonds of wedlock,



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his first wife's maiden name being Dickerson. Three children blessed that union: Joseph D., the father of our subject; Henry W., a merchant of Bainbridge; and Fred W., who died in infancy. His second union was with Miss Hannah Westover, by whom he had one son: Ira M., a retired banker of Rockdale. He was a faithful member of the Universalist Church. Politically, he was a Democrat and was elected to the county board of supervisors a number of times.

Joseph Delos Curtis was born in the town of Unadilla, November 28, 1831. He has spent his entire life working on the farm, formerly owned by his father. He has a well improved farm of 300 acres, supplied with a good house, barn and other convenient out-buildings. He is an industrious and energetic worker and is classed among the prosperous men in the community.

He was united in marriage with Melissa Morgan, a daughter of Guerdon Morgan, and they became the parents of the following children: John H., the subject of these lines; Howard M.; Evelyn A.; and Scott L. In politics, he is a Democrat and served as supervisor for nine years. He held this office during the late Civil War and assisted in filling the quota of volunteers. Mr. Curtis is an active member of the Universalist Church.

John H. Curtis was reared on his father's farm and attended the Bainbridge Union School. At the age of twenty he left the parental roof, and, to provide means of support, taught school for the following six years. He then began work in the creamery at Rockdale and after becoming thoroughly familiar with the business, he was taken in

as a partner and was made general manager of the four plants. The Rockdale creamery is the largest in this section of the state, and was formerly owned by Mr. Curtis' grandfather. Six men are employed, who handle the milk from 1,500 cows, and get out the daily product of 1,500 pounds of butter and 2,400 pounds of cheese. Print butter and casein are specialties. The creamery is well equipped with all modern machinery and other conveniences. Mr. Curtis has untiringly devoted his whole time to his work, and has had the pleasure of seeing the plant grow to be one of the largest in the state.

December 9, 1886, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Carrie E. Brown, daughter of Dubois Brown, and one son, Harry B., was born to make their home happy. Socially, he is a Mason, belonging to Sidney Lodge No. 801, F. & A. M.; Unadilla Chapter, R. A. M., No. 178; Norwich Commandery No. 46, Knight Templars; and Zirayra Temple of the Mystic Shrine, at Utica, N. Y.

LEWIS E. CARPENTER, a portrait of whom the publishers of this volume present on the opposite page, is one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of the town of North Norwich, and has devoted many years of his life to public service. His work as a public servant began while he was yet a young man, and has continued to the present time, when he is as active and efficient as formerly. In 1849 he was elected justice of the peace of North

Norwich, and has held the position continuously ever since. About the same time he was appointed postmaster, under the administration of Zachary Taylor, and has held the office through every Republican administration since. During the '60s he served for three terms as Justice of the Sessions, occupying the bench with Judge Balcom and Judge Clark of Oxford. Then he has filled innumerable minor offices, was for five years supervisor of the town, president of the board of health, etc. He possessed a mind of rare analytical power, his judgment was discriminating and sound, in the court room his learning and impartiality commanded respect, while his own dignified deportment inspired decorum in others. His ancestors were among the pioneers of Chenango County, and here he was born, in the town of Preston, March 31, 1820. His parents were Noah and Judith (Wait) Carpenter.

Noah Carpenter was a son of Noah Carpenter, Sr., and lived in the town of Preston, where he owned a farm and owned and operated a cloth mill in the village. He was also a clothier, and made home-spun and other carded material. He was an industrious, hard working citizen, and a credit to the community in which he lived. He had been a Democrat, but at last became dissatisfied with their policy and joined forces with the Republicans. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity. A short time before his death, which took place when he had reached the ripe old age of eighty-four, he had taken up his residence in the village of North Norwich. He was united in marriage with Judith Wait and raised a family of nine

children, two daughters and seven sons, whose names were: Nelson; Submit; Andrew; Electa; Ralph; Lewis E.; Franklin; Chester W.; and William.

Lewis E. Carpenter was thrown on his own resources at an early age in life and developed an independence of character and a fearlessness of criticism, which, combined with his love of truth and honorable dealings, soon won for him the admiration and esteem of the entire community. His education was received in the public schools until he was seventeen years old, when he had to leave the school room to earn his living. His first work was obtained on a farm, where he staid until he was twenty-one, when he went to work with a carpenter and joiner. Being naturally quick, he soon became proficient at this trade and followed it for twenty years. When he was twenty-four he went to Michigan and plied his craft for one and one-half years, and then came back to North Norwich, where he has since lived and worked, and where many evidences of his skill are discernible. Twelve years were spent in catering to the public taste, when he was the popular and entertaining landlord of the Carpenter House of North Norwich. At the same time he was carrying on his farm, and was extensively engaged in lumbering, owning and operating a grist and saw-mill. His farm consists of 60 acres, lying near the village of North Norwich, and is still owned and cultivated by him.

Mr. Carpenter was married October 31, 1841, when he was but little past twenty-one years of age, to Laura Baker, and no doubt much of the prosperity and popularity which

has been meted out to them is due, in no small degree, to her faithful and loving counsel and encouragement. A family of five children were added to their home, viz: Earl, deceased, married Frances Brown, also deceased; Jane, deceased; Jane (2), who married Alonzo S. Kinney, and left two children, Lewis A. and Fred A.; Lewis, who died at the age of fourteen months; and Annie Laura, the wife of Sam A. Hayes, a carpenter and joiner, who resides in North Norwich with our subject. Mrs. Hayes is the mother of one child, Jennie Earleen. Mr. Carpenter is a man of intelligence and a close observer of human nature, and his long attendance in the court room has so familiarized him with the different phases of character that he can read the countenance like an open book. He had a hard struggle with poverty in his boyhood, and his sympathies have always been with those who work with their hands rather than their brains, and to a worthy representative of this class he finds pleasure in giving assistance in the shape of employment, the most desirable form of charity.

BREWSTER BROTHERS, proprietors of the well-known and extensively patronized hotel of the village of Oxford, Chenango County, the New St. James, are men of prominence in the village, and throughout the county are esteemed as the best of citizens, and as the most enterprising of business men. The firm is composed of Zeno C. and Ezra S. Brewster. They were born in the town of Gilboa,

Schoharie County, N. Y., and were sons of Daniel D. and Lucinda B. (Stephens) Brewster.

John Brewster, generally known as Judge Brewster, the great-grandfather of our subject, took up his residence in Blenheim township, Schoharie County, as one of the first settlers, coming from the New England home with his wife and family of children. He was a descendant of Elder William Brewster, the liberty-loving Pilgrim, who came to the bleak Massachusetts shores in the good ship Mayflower, and settled at Plymouth. Judge Brewster was one of the first men elevated to the bench in Schoharie County, and proved himself to be a man of enterprise, by importing choice grades of sheep into the new country, a business that was afterwards extensively conducted by his son, Otis Brewster, the grandfather of our subjects.

Otis Brewster was born in New England, and came with his parents to Schoharie County, when a young man in years, settling on a large tract of land, which it was his intention to divide into smaller farms for his sons, when they became old enough to shift for themselves. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life, but the greater part of his time was spent in superintending the work on his large estate. He was the most extensive sheep raiser and breeder in his part of the state, and supplied the early settlers for many miles around with blooded sheep, from which they in turn built up valuable flocks. He attained prominence in whatever enterprise he engaged, for it was an axiom with him that if there was anyone going to excel, he might as well be that one.

He was first a Whig in his politics, but later espoused the principles of the Republican party. He never aspired to nor coveted political fame, being content to secure his successes along agricultural lines. He married a Miss Gardner, a native of Western New York, and a sister of Dr. Gardner. To them were given the following eight children, namely: John; Sylvester; Daniel D.; Lyman; Phœbe; Sarah; Rhoda; and Martha. In religious belief, the family were Quakers. Otis Brewster died in 1867, aged about seventy years. He was preceded to the other shore by his wife, who died some years previous, about 1858.

Daniel D. Brewster, the third son born to his parents, and fifth child in order of birth, was educated in the common schools of his native town, in Schoharie County. Upon completing his education, and having attained the years of manhood, he purchased the old Brewster homestead, and turned his undivided attention to pursuits of an agricultural nature. He remained there about ten years, engaged in farming, and then moved to Otsego County, N. Y., where he bought a farm, and a grist, saw and plaster mill, and entered upon a very prosperous career, which continued for eleven years. During this time, with the assistance of his two oldest sons, Roscoe A. and Zeno C., he invented the first machine that ever successfully removed the shucks from buckwheat, before reducing the grain to flour, namely, a Buckwheat Refiner, for which they received letters patent for the United States. Mr. Brewster then disposed of his farming property to his brother, Sylvester Brewster, and

with his sons removed to Oneonta, N. Y., where they engaged in the manufacturing business, for they were the original inventors and held the patents for the United States for the new process for making buckwheat flour. The firm of D. D. Brewster & Sons continued to manufacture their buckwheat refiner in Oneonta for five years, and then moved to Unadilla, N. Y., in 1876, there securing a valuable water power, which became of inestimable service to them in the manufacturing of flouring mill machinery. A little later on, their business increasing wonderfully, and wholly beyond what might have been expected, they became the largest manufacturers of flouring mill machinery in the United States, of that kind, and gained a national reputation, and accumulated a comfortable fortune. About this time they secured more United States patents, including the renowned *process patent*, for the manufacture of new process flour for the United States and Canada. This patent proved the most valuable of any. In 1879, the business still increasing, a new partnership was formed, by which R. A. Brewster moved to Rochester, N. Y., and started a branch manufactory for himself, while D. D. & Z. C. Brewster continued the original business under the firm name, as above, with great success, until the partnership was dissolved by the death of D. D. Brewster, in 1880, when he was fifty-five years of age.

In political belief Daniel D. Brewster was a Republican, but confined his activity in politics to voting on election day, and to quiet little discussions of men and measures

with his intimate friends. His wife, Lucinda B., daughter of Ezra Stephens of Gilboa, N. Y., bore him seven children, who were as follows: Roscoe A., who married Ida Ames of Binghamton, N. Y., and had two sons, Otis and Stacy; Zeno C., the elder of Brewster Brothers, subjects of this personal history; Lucy A., who became the wife of Frank Weidman of Unadilla, N. Y., and presented him with six children,—Ivan, D. D., Harry, Hazel, Milo, and Roscoe; Ezra S., the younger of Brewster Brothers; Otho M., who married Bertha Casey of Wells' Bridge, N. Y.; Guy O., M. D., of New York City, who took for his life companion Margaret Powell of the State of New Hampshire; Daisy V.; and two that died in infancy, Ward O., and Vernon E. Daniel D. Brewster in his religious views was a Quaker, while his wife was an old school Baptist. She still lives, and makes her home with her two sons, Zeno C. and Ezra S., in Oxford, N. Y.

Zeno C. Brewster was educated in the schools of the various towns where his father had lived with the family. He spent one season in New York City, attending Thompson College for one year in 1875. He then returned to Oneonta and was associated with his father in the manufacturing business until that gentleman's death, after which Zeno C. continued the business very successfully for one year under the firm name of D. D. & Z. C. Brewster, during this time many valuable inventions being secured. He then organized the firm of Brewster Brothers & Co., associating with him his former partner, R. A. Brewster, their mother representing the Co. It was ever Mr. Brewster's aim to manufac-

ture nothing but the best and latest improved machinery of the firm's own invention, so that there was never any considerable period that did not witness the granting of letters patent for one important improvement or another. This partnership of Brewster Brothers & Co. lasted four years, when Roscoe A. Brewster sold out his interest to Ezra S. Brewster, younger of our subjects. The business was continued under the same firm name as above, our subjects also conducting a large cigar factory for several years. After disposing of the last business, they took up a side line to the mill machinery business in importing bicycles and selling same to the jobbing trade through the United States, which venture also proved very successful for about five years, and required a great amount of travel, when added to that required in the milling business, their agents covering the best territory in the United States and Canada. During these years many had attempted to invent machinery to compete, and many had infringed on the original patents and the many later patented improvements, all which attempts to interfere with the firm's business were promptly stopped by our subjects' knowledge of machinery and the laws of patents. Many manufacturing concerns were desirous of engaging in the well-established business, then nineteen years old, of which Zeno C. Brewster had been a continuous member, alone and with his different partners, from the beginning. He was also a partner with his brother, Ezra S. Brewster, in the hardware business for two years in Hopewell, N. J.; this was before the latter gentleman became

a partner in the milling machinery business in 1883. As Mr. Brewster was returning from a trip in Kansas, he called on a firm then engaged in the manufacture of milling machinery, who had long been desirous of manufacturing under patents held by Brewster Bros. & Co.; a deal was closed whereby the latter firm sold out their entire milling machinery business, including all patents, patterns, and everything complete, together with the good-will of the business. The business was transferred to Silver Creek, N. Y., where it was continued under the new management and ownership. Mr. Brewster, with his brother, Ezra S., then came to Oxford, this county, and bought the well known St. James Hotel, which they conducted for nearly three years together, making many improvements and some additions, when Zeno C. bought out his brother and was sole proprietor for three years, when he sold back a half interest to Ezra S., the firm again becoming Brewster Brothers. In 1897 they commenced the enlarging and reconstruction of the New St. James, which now stands as a model of perfection and credit to their enterprise, being the finest hotel in the Chenango Valley; it is fitted with all the latest improvements, and is strictly up-to-date. Mr. Brewster married Cora Swartfiguer of Oneonta, N. Y. He is a Mason of advanced degrees, being a member of the blue lodge, chapter, commandery, and other higher orders.

Ezra S. Brewster obtained his common school education in the same towns as did his brother. When a young man he learned the tinning and plumbing trade, and was en-

gaged in work along that line for two years. In 1880 he, with Zeno C. Brewster, engaged in the hardware and plumbing business in Hopewell, N. J., under the firm name of Brewster Brothers, Mr. Brewster conducting the business very successfully for the firm, and afterwards buying out his brother and becoming sole proprietor, continuing thus for three years. He then closed up the business with profit and bought out the interest of R. A. Brewster in the manufacturing of flouring mill machinery, then known as Brewster Bros. & Co. of Unadilla, N. Y., where he, with the rest of the firm, was engaged in all the pursuits in which the firm was engaged from that time (1883) up to 1890, traveling quite extensively the while. He then, with his brother, Zeno C. Brewster, came to Oxford, N. Y., and bought the St. James Hotel, which they conducted together for about three years, when Ezra S. sold his half interest to his brother, and removed to Plainfield, N. J., in which place he bought a cafe and restaurant, and did a very extensive and profitable business. The same year he bought in Jersey City a valuable formula for killing all kinds of insects, which formula he caused to be copyrighted, and then busied himself in placing the preparation on the market. As this business required so much attention, he sold his cafe and restaurant, and moved to Hopewell, N. J., where he built a factory for the manufacture of Kill Roach, which was the name the powder preparation went by. The work of placing an unknown and untried article on the market was most successfully accomplished by Mr. Brewster, and the entire



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country between New York City and the Gulf of Mexico was covered by his agents. After a little more than two years in this business, the demand for Kill Roach became so great that others wished to buy an interest. Consequently, Mr. Brewster organized a limited partnership company at Hopewell, N. J., and disposed of all his interests but two shares. This company is doing a fine business under the firm name of E. S. Brewster Co. Experience, the best of teachers, taught Mr. Brewster how to compound a formula superior to the one sold. Therefore, after selling out his business in New Jersey, he returned to Oxford, and bought a half interest in the St. James Hotel, now the New St. James. As a venture wholly distinct from the hotel business, Brewster Brothers are engaged in manufacturing a wonderful powder, guaranteed to kill all insect life, which preparation is known as St. James Insect Powder. Mr. Brewster's first wife was Fannie M. Bundy of Otsego County, N. Y., by whom he had one child, Fannie B., now deceased. After his first wife's death, he contracted a matrimonial alliance with Mary D. Titus of Hopewell, N. J. Mr. Brewster is a Mason, like his brother.

WHITFORD M. REYNOLDS is one of the progressive and influential citizens of South Otselic, Chenango County, N. Y., and was born in the town of Otselic, March 4, 1848, and is a son of Willet and Lucy Ann (Sherman) Reynolds, and grandson of David Reynolds.

David Reynolds was born in Rensselaer County, N. Y., and came to the village prior to 1820, and was one of the pioneer settlers to locate in Chenango County. He was one of the veterans of the 1812 War. In politics, he was an old time Whig, and was one of the leading men in politics of his day. He was justice of the peace for a number of years. He passed from this life at the home of his son, in South Otselic. He was united in marriage with Susan Bently, and they were the parents of six sons and five daughters.

Willet Reynolds, father of our subject, was born in the village of South Otselic, in 1820, and learned the trade of a carpenter from his father and followed that trade all his life. He contracted to build many buildings in the village, among which the largest were the old Baptist Church, and the Gothic House. He formed a partnership with his father-in-law, and they carried on business together for a number of years. Politically, he was an ardent Republican, and was elected overseer of the poor and highway commissioner for a number of years. In religious views he attached himself to the Methodist Church. He was a sergeant in the old state militia organization at one time. He married Lucy Ann Sherman, daughter of Zephaniah Sherman, a contractor and builder of the village of South Otselic, and later a contractor of Springfield, Mass., where he died. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds: Whitford M., subject of this narrative; Walter, a prominent farmer, living with his mother in the village of South Otselic; and Lucretia, who married Albert

Truman, a farmer of Otselic, and died November 2, 1889, leaving one son: Arthur J.

Whitford M. Reynolds received his early training in the public schools, and then attended the high school of Chicopee Falls, Mass., and the New Berlin Academy of this county. He then learned the carpenter trade from his father and grandfather Sherman, and soon became quite proficient in that line. He followed contracting and building for twenty-seven years, and has built some of the largest and most handsome structures in South Otselic, among which is the Cox Block, the largest department store in this part of the state, and the Wildman Block. He moved to New York City, where he learned the tailoring trade, and in 1873 he and his family moved to Redfield, Dallas County, Iowa, where he followed the carpentering and tailoring business for two years. Returning to South Otselic, he took up his trade as a carpenter and followed it until 1892, when he started a job printing office in the Perkins Block. In May, 1892, he edited the South Otselic Gazette, which is a weekly paper, consisting of eight pages of six columns, and has a circulation of seven hundred. It is a well conducted paper, its columns filled with the local news of the community, and contains the important news from the outside world. It is devoted to the interests of the village of South Otselic and to its patrons. He also handles doors, blinds, sashes and mouldings.

He was united in wedlock February 7, 1872, with Miss Elvira Truman, daughter of John Truman, late farmer of Georgetown, Madison County, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs.

Reynolds are the parents of three children, who are as follows: Earl L., an employee of the Fishing Tackle Manufactory of South Otselic; Laton M., a printer in his father's office; and Ethel May. In politics he is a firm supporter of the Republican party, and has been justice of the peace for twelve years, and has held other minor offices. Socially, he is a member of the Cascadilla Lodge, No. 478, I. O. O. F., of South Otselic, which was chartered in 1878; and is also a member of the N. P. L. We present Mr. Reynolds' portrait on another page in this Book of Biographies.

RANSOM D. BROOKS, the efficient manager of the Maydole Hammer Co. of Norwich, was born in the town of Pitcher, Chenango County, July 21, 1859. He is a son of Addison B. and Maria (Hall) Brooks, and grandson of Luther Brooks.

The family comes of old New England stock, and Calvin Brooks, the great-grandfather of our subject, was a native of the State of Massachusetts. Luther Brooks was born in Massachusetts, where he resided until 1812, and then came to Chenango County, N. Y., locating in the town of Norwich. After remaining there some time, he moved to Pharsalia, this county, and there busied himself in farming the rest of his life. In political belief, he was formerly a Whig, but upon the organization of the Republican party, he became one of its firmest supporters. He was the progenitor of seven chil-

dren, four sons and three daughters. Mr. Brooks passed away in 1891, having attained an advanced age.

Addison B. Brooks was born in Pharsalia, where he received his mental training in the common schools. After farming there for a time, he moved to Pitcher, but remained only a few years. He then went to Norwich, where he worked at the shoemaker's trade. Since coming to Norwich, he has lived a retired life and is enjoying the fruits of a laborious past. He was twice bound in the holy bonds of wedlock, his first wife's maiden name being Evans; two children were born to them: Addison C.; and a daughter who died in infancy. His second matrimonial alliance was with Maria Hall, and four children have blessed their union, who are as follows: Ransom D., the subject of this personal history; Elmer B.; Casson M.; and Minetta M. He is a Republican in politics, and endorses unreservedly Republican principles. Mr. and Mrs. Brooks are living in peace and happiness in their home in Norwich.

Ransom D. Brooks attended the common schools of Norwich, after which he took a course in Norwich Academy. As a youth he was ambitious and energetic, and upon leaving school at the age of sixteen, he began teaching. He also worked at farming, thereby earning and saving enough money to pay his way through the Poughkeepsie Business College, graduating in 1881. For five years he followed the trade of his father, that of a shoemaker. In 1881 he was employed as correspondent for Lord & Taylor, dry goods merchants of New York City, remaining with them for two years. He

then accepted a position with the Maydole Hammer Co. of Norwich, and has been in their employ ever since. He is an accurate accountant, a good penman, and a faithful worker, performing his duties in a manner that has won the favor of the firm. For eleven years he served as bookkeeper, and in 1894 was made manager of the works.

He was united in marriage with Kate R. Barnard, a daughter of T. W. Barnard of Chicago, and five children have been born to make their home happy; they are as follows: Edith K.; Philip O. E.; Marian V.; Caroline R.; and Laurence A. In political belief, Mr. Brooks is independent, always voting for the man he thinks best qualified for the office.

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JESSE H. SHEPARD. As a citizen of Sherburne village, it affords us pleasure to present a few facts connected with the history of Mr. Shepard's past, before the reading public. Mr. Shepard is a member of the firm of Shepard & Sholes, dealers in drugs and groceries, also a member of the firm, Blanding & Shepard, dealers in hay and produce. The business is carried on methodically, systematically, and in a strictly honorable manner. The early patrons of the establishment still continue as his customers, and new ones are constantly being added to the list. The operation of the store for the past few years has firmly grounded the proprietors in the confidence and good-will of the community. Our subject was born at Fly Creek, Otsego County, N. Y., February 15, 1849, and is a son of

Edwin P. and Ann Eliza (Walker) Shepard, and grandson of Pliny and Elizabeth (Bowers) Shepard.

Pliny Shepard was born in the town of Otsego, Otsego County, and became one of the leading men of his district. He followed agricultural pursuits, and at the time of his death owned a large estate, the property now owned by his youngest son, Williard N. Mr. and Mrs. Shepard were active and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Edwin P. Shepard was born at Pierstown, N. Y., February 24, 1824, and received his education in the district schools of his native town. He then taught school for a number of years, and finally learned the trade of a carpenter and pattern-maker, which occupation he followed in the village of Camden, N. Y., where he lived until he retired to the village of Sherburne; he purchased a home there and spent the remaining years of his life in ease. He married Ann Eliza Walker, a daughter of Nicodemus Walker, and the following children were born to them: Frances J., the widow of Seth Phelps, who resides at West Bay, Mich.; Jesse H., the subject of this biography; Carrie, the wife of Henry Byam of Collingswood, N. J.; and Lucia, deceased. In politics, Mr. Shepard was an ardent Republican, and in religious belief was a Methodist. He passed from this life, May 2, 1895.

The Camden Union School and the Hillsdale High School (Michigan) furnished our subject with the essential principles of an education. He started out in life with nothing but strong hands and an abundance of energy and perseverance, as well as with a fixed pur-

pose in life. Leaving home he engaged as clerk in the drug store of E. N. Skinner, where he remained until 1872, in which year he came to the village of Sherburne, and became identified with the leading commercial and business interests of the village. For fifteen years he was the senior member of the firm of Shepard, Walker & Co., having started under the name of Walker & Shepard, and selling out to York & Failing in 1885. After this he bought up bankrupt stocks and held them until opportunities presented themselves, when he disposed of them at a profit. In 1890 he purchased the drug store of Heberd & Amsden, and on September 1, 1894, took in Mr. Sholes as a partner, and they still continue under the firm name of Shepard & Sholes. They carry a complete line of drugs, stationery and groceries, having the largest store of the kind in Chenango County. In 1892, he formed a partnership with Mr. Blanding, and together they are engaged in buying and selling baled hay, straw, potatoes, apples and eggs. They ship some 200 cars of produce to the New England States every year. Mr. Shepard is the owner of several houses in the village, and deals extensively in real estate. He was one of the chief promoters and builders of the Sherburne Water Works, and is president of the present board of water commissioners. He is part owner and manager of the Opera House, which is one of the finest blocks in the village, and also owns one-sixth interest in the Sherburne Gas Works.

He chose for his life companion Miss H. Amelia Harris, daughter of John and Ardella (Andrews) Harris. Mr. and Mrs. Harris



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came from the State of Massachusetts, and settled in the town of Norwich, where the former occupied a position of prominence among the early agriculturists as a man of industry and enterprise. They later moved to Sherburne, and made that village their home ever after. Mr. Harris died at the age of fifty-five years, while his wife filled out seventy-five years. The following children composed their family: Cornelia; George A.; Irving; and H. Amelia, the wife of our subject. To Mr. and Mrs. Shepard were born two children, namely: Frederick I., who was born December 24, 1873; and Levant G., who was born February 15, 1877. The elder son is a graduate of the Sherburne Union School and the Bordentown Military Academy, and is now clerking in his father's drug store. The younger son, a graduate of the Albany Business College, is the senior member of the firm, Shepard, McKee & Co., gentlemen's outfitters and furnishers of Sherburne, in which establishment the subject of this sketch is also financially interested. Socially, Mr. Shepard is a member of the Sherburne Lodge, No. 444, F. & A. M., and is affiliated with other societies, some purely fraternal and social, and others benevolent in their character. He is a Republican in his political affiliations, but is not active in his support of the party; in the election of 1896, he voted for William Jennings Bryan, believing that the principles advocated by that candidate were for the best interests of the country. His business relations are of the pleasantest. He has had to labor for all the good he now enjoys, and his present leading position in the lines of business in which he

is intimately interested comes as a direct result of the system and care with which he watches every detail. The hold which he has upon the best class of customers is the best commentary upon his business ability and extreme fidelity. Mr. Shepard and family are members of the Congregational Church of Sherburne.

MELVIN E. HERRICK, a prosperous and progressive agriculturist, residing on the old Herrick homestead in the western part of the town of Bainbridge, is a man of great business propensities and has made a success at his vocation, not alone by the qualities mentioned, but above all by his honest and fair dealing. He has never been known to turn a point in his favor when he knew it to be to a detriment to the success of another, and for this reason he is honored and respected by all who know him. He is a son of Joseph and Alockey (Scott) Herrick, and was born November 5, 1849, on the old homestead at West Bainbridge, where he has always lived.

The Herrick family have long been identified with the growth and development of Dutchess and Chenango Counties, and from a vast wilderness, they have assisted in converting this section into rich and fertile farm lands, which are here and there dotted by thriving little villages and cities. Wonderful changes have taken place since our subject's great-grandfather took up his home in the wilds of Dutchess County, which was then inhabited only by the native Indian and the

wild beasts of the forest. Henry Herrick, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Dutchess County, and after reaching maturity emigrated to Chenango County, locating on the farm now owned by our subject. The family came overland by means of ox-carts, and the greatest vigilance was necessary day and night, as they were in constant fear of an attack by Indians or the prowling wolves. After arriving at their destination, Henry Herrick built himself a house, and devoted the remainder of his life to clearing his farm. After many years of labor and toil, this sturdy pioneer passed into the world of rest, aged ninety-three years. His companion in life was Elizabeth Pearsall, who was born in 1774, and folded her hands in final rest October 23, 1856. Their union, which occurred January 29, 1795, was blessed by the birth of nine children, whose records are as follows: Nancy, born October 28, 1795; Samuel, February 20, 1798; Hughey, June 20, 1800; Polly, March 23, 1803; Phoebe, October 13, 1805; Joseph, the father of our subject; Elizabeth, October 10, 1810; Matilda, December 19, 1812; and Henry, October 11, 1814.

Joseph Herrick was born February 5, 1808, on the old homestead, upon which he lived all of his life. He was engaged in agricultural pursuits and was one of the good substantial farmers of the community. He also was engaged largely in lumbering, which he was obliged to haul a distance of 30 miles to the Delaware River. It was a tedious and dangerous journey and required an unlimited amount of courage, as the return trip was generally made alone and

after sunset. Mr. Herrick had no opportunity to attend school, and being a man of high ambition and determination, and desiring an education above all things, he sat up at nights and studied after returning from those long trips, by the light of the old fashioned fire-place, which is still in the possession of our subject. In that manner he secured a good education, the history of his struggles showing what may be accomplished by energy and perseverance. He was united in marriage with Alockey Scott, and they became the parents of the following children: Evaline, the widow of G. F. Greene, was born December 30, 1835; James P. was born March 18, 1838, and died in infancy; Orin Day was born June 14, 1839, and died December 20, 1868; Amelia was born January 26, 1843, and died February 26, 1877; Elzada was born February 20, 1846, and is the wife of John A. Ireland, a farmer of Bainbridge; and Melvin E., in whom the interest of this sketch centers. Mrs. Herrick died July 26, 1882, at the advanced age of seventy-two years, and her husband survived her fourteen years, dying February 14, 1896.

Melvin E. Herrick was reared upon his father's farm and was intellectually equipped for the duties of life in the district schools. He then worked for his father on the farm until he came into possession of the estate. It is an excellent farm of 125 acres, well supplied with a good house and many other out buildings, and is well stocked. He also owns a farm of 146 acres nearby and considerable real estate out West. Our subject is shrewd and calculating, and in all his business ventures has used rare good judgment.

He formed a matrimonial alliance with Adelia S. Davis, September 27, 1881, and two children were born to make their home happy, namely: Joseph E., who was born December 30, 1884; and Eva M., who was born February 5, 1895. In politics, Mr. Herrick is a Republican, and has served as justice of the peace for six years. Socially, he is a member of the Susquehanna Lodge, No. 167, F. & A. M., of Bainbridge. In religious belief Mr. and Mrs. Herrick are members of the M. E. Church of Union Valley. As a representative farmer, and type of the best kind of citizen, we present Mr. Herrick's portrait on a preceding page.

DANIEL BARBER is a substantial and reputable farmer of Norwich. He is a son of Benjamin and Elsie (Sweet) Barber, and was born August 20, 1834, in the town of Norwich, Chenango County.

Benjamin Barber was a man who reached affluence entirely by his exertions. Starting out in life as a poor man at the time of his marriage with Elsie Sweet, he worked for some time by the month on farms, until he had sufficient means to buy a small piece of ground. Thither he moved with his family, living in a small log house, and by exercising the closest economy, and living in the most frugal manner, he was enabled to lay by something each year, until at the time of his death he had accumulated about 400 acres of land. As his boys grew up they were of great assistance to him in clearing his farm

and raising his crops. He was a native of Rhode Island, but at the age of four years was brought to the town of Norwich, where he lived to the great age of eighty years. He was a very strong Republican, and a member of the Baptist Church, as was his entire family. He was the father of twenty-one children, eighteen of whom grew to maturity, as follows: Charles; Catherine; Harriet; Daniel; Luthana; Rosina; Mary; Maria; Emma J.; Sarepta; Sarah; Whitman; Edward; George; Florinda; Betsey; John; and Salinda. The mother of this large family was also permitted to live to the age of eighty years, and saw the members of her family grow up and gather about them families of their own.

Daniel Barber has a natural talent for farming, and has followed that occupation all his life. He owns a farm consisting of 100 acres of fine land, and his dairy of eighteen cows shows the care and attention they receive. He is a Republican. August 30, 1862, he was married to Sarah Mastin, a daughter of Silas Mastin, and their long residence in the town has but served to augment the esteem in which they are held. They have but one child, Mott H., who was united in marriage with Grace Shelton, and has one child, Marion. Mott H. lives at home and manages his father's farm.

MHOFFMAN FISH, D. D. S., is a valued citizen of the village of New Berlin, where he is actively engaged in dental practice. He is one of

the oldest practitioners of dentistry in the county, and easily ranks among the first in skill and general ability. His labors in his chosen field have been rewarded by very remunerative returns.

Dr. Fish was born in Litchfield, Herkimer County, N. Y., December 1, 1848, and is a son of Almanzor Denslow and Julia Ann (Howell) Fish, and grandson of Samuel and Mary (West) Fish.

Samuel Fish, with his brothers, Walter and Joseph, emigrated from his native place in Connecticut to Herkimer County, N. Y., in 1806, and located where the village of Frankfort now stands. Three years later, our subject's grandfather removed to Litchfield, same county, where he purchased a farm situated some two miles from the Mohawk River. Two years later he changed his residence to a farm near by, where our subject's father was born. He lived the life of a hardy pioneer, and grew up with the new country, where for many years after his arrival he had few neighbors that had not copper-colored visages. He attained the age of about sixty years, while his wife lived to be eighty-four years old. Their children were: Elias L.; Alonzo L.; Almanzor D.; Mary; and Nancy.

Almanzor Denslow Fish was born in Litchfield, December 10, 1813, and there grew to manhood. He spent some time in the private school of J. C. Underwood of Otsego County, and then went to Connecticut in the following spring with the intention of going on a fishing voyage, but was deterred from carrying out his plan because of the cholera, that was then raging there. He next went to

Clinton to complete his education under the direction of George R. Perkins, since professor of mathematics in the State Normal School, but he fell sick with an intermittent fever, and returned home to recuperate his strength. During the following winter and summer he was an attendant of the Clinton Liberal Institute, and in the next year went to Sauquoit. When he was nineteen years of age he began the study of law in the office of Griffin & Allen of Clinton, with whom he remained one summer. He then went to Utica, N. Y., to study in the office of Cooper & Hunt, and was for a time a student in the office of Aaron Huckleby of Herkimer. His next removal was to Watertown, N. Y., where he entered the office of Sterling & Brownson, but he soon returned to Herkimer County, and continued his studies until his admission to the bar, under the direction of J. C. Underwood, who was then in practice with Judge Michael Hoffman. He practiced in Herkimer County until his health failed him, when he bought a farm in the town of Litchfield, Herkimer County, removed his family thither, and followed agricultural pursuits the rest of his life; he retired from active labor at last, and died at Sherburne, when making his home with his son, M. Hoffman Fish, the subject of this sketch, when sixty-two years of age, February 27, 1875. He was a man of fine educational attainments, and was a trenchant as well as a brilliant writer on various subjects; he was a happy versifier, and composed a number of short poems that reflect credit on his ability. He married Julia A. Howell, a daughter of Capt. William Howell, who served at Sackett's

Harbor in the War of 1812. They were married in Herkimer in 1837, and had a family of two sons and one daughter, as follows: Winfield S., who for twenty years and more was engaged in practicing dentistry in the village of Sherburne, who is now with his wife engaged in conducting the Hotel Daniels, the finest hostelry in Sherburne, and the equal of any in the county; Hattie A., born in Litchfield, December 8, 1841, who married William H. Round, and died at Richfield, N. Y., November 24, 1868; and M. Hoffman, the subject of this writing. Mrs. Fish lived to be seventy-four years old. Our subject's father was a Democrat after the formation of the Republican party, and from then until his death steadfastly supported the men and principles of the party of his choice.

Dr. Fish, the subject of this writing, obtained a first-class education in the West Winfield (N. Y.) Academy, taking the full course, and standing high in his classes. Leaving school at eighteen years of age, he studied the theoretical part of surveying and civil engineering under his father, and ran property lines for the land-owners of his locality for some time. His first railroad surveying was as assistant to T. W. Spencer in locating the route of the Cassville & Richfield Spring branch of the D., L. & W. R. R. He also assisted in surveying the New York, Utica & Ogdensburg R. R., Col. M. O. Davidson of Yonkers being his chief in this work. Dr. Fish also surveyed school districts in nine towns of Herkimer County, N. Y. In 1868, our subject took up the study of dentistry under F. E. Easton, D. D. S., of Cedarville, and one of the present editors of the *Ilion*

Citizen. He finished his professional education in 1872, and located in Sherburne, buying a half interest in the practice and equipments of Dr. T. M. Mann, and continuing in partnership with that gentleman for a year and a half, when he secured the exclusive control of the business. From then until April 1, 1880, our subject practiced his profession alone, with uniformly successful and flattering results. His popularity grew, and in a few years after he located in Sherburne he commanded a practice, that is not ordinarily built up in a decade. From April 1, 1880, for five years thereafter, our subject and his elder brother, Dr. Winfield S. Fish, were associated in the practice of dentistry, under the name of Fish Brothers, running three different offices: our subject spent the first three days of the week in New Berlin, and the last three in Sherburne, while his brother had his headquarters in Earlville. In 1885, Dr. Fish located permanently in the village of New Berlin, where he was already well known and reckoned as one of the leading business men. He has built up a large and profitable practice, and is highly esteemed and respected as a man of solid, substantial worth, whose word is as good as gold, and whose ability as a dentist is alone equaled by his professional zeal and honor. His neat and well ordered office bears every evidence of prosperity and highly successful practice. He is a member of the Sixth District Dental Society, which organization he joined on May 1, 1878; he has served two years as the president.

Dr. Fish's first wife, whom he married in February, 1872, was Myra A. Cole of Cedar-

ville, N. Y.; she bore him one son, Leroy, born March 24, 1875, who lives at home, and who is employed in the milk condensery. Mrs. Fish died in May, 1879. In October, 1884, our subject was again joined in nuptial bonds, the bride being Cora A. Medbury of New Berlin. Dr. Fish is a Democrat in his politics, but of late years he has not been active in supporting his party, and has never aspired to office. He is a man of marked social instincts, and is a Mason of considerable prominence. He is a member of Phoebus Lodge, No. 82, F. & A. M.; and Chenango Chapter, No. 253, R. A. M.

WB. MONROE of Plymouth is one of the oldest residents of Chenango County, and is also a pioneer merchant, having been engaged in the produce business since 1860. Mr. Monroe remembers well the first building standing in the town; it was built by the French as a public building, and was known as the "Town Barn," and many a time has he and his brother played under its roof. Although his early education was limited, by comprehensive reading he has stored his mind, naturally strong and receptive, with a varied knowledge, which makes him a well posted, intelligent man. In business he is most careful and conservative, and, withal, a man of rare, good judgment. He is a son of Dyar and Lydia (Cutting) Monroe, and was born November 17, 1821, in the village of Plymouth.

The Monroes were among the first settlers in the county, and were the first in the town

of Plymouth. In 1816 Daniel Monroe brought his family here from New Lebanon, Conn., coming overland with a yoke of oxen, a slow, tedious means of travel, fifteen miles being considered a good day's journey for such a team. The country was new, the only building in the town at that time being the old "Town Barn," before mentioned. Daniel Monroe's log house, built on a quarter section of ground purchased by him, was one of the first residences. There, amid the privations and want, which only pioneers have felt and can understand, he helped to lay the foundations of those sterling principles which have made Chenango County what it is to-day. After a short time he built a carding machine, the first in the town, and followed carding. As new inhabitants moved in and work increased, he built a second machine at Sherburne Four Corners, which he also operated for a number of years. He went to Ohio and staid a short time, but returned finally to Plymouth, where he died at the home of his son, Dyar, aged eighty-four years. He was a strong advocate of the Christian Church, of which he was a member. He was twice married, his first wife being the grandmother of our subject; his second wife was Wealthy Plumb. Seven children, all now deceased, were born to the first marriage, viz: Aristareus; Isaac, a brick manufacturer, whose yards were on the present site of Syracuse; Fletcher; James; Dyar; Eleanor; and Almeda.

Dyar Monroe was born in New Lebanon, Conn., and came with his parents, in 1816, to the town of Plymouth, settling on the present site of the village of Plymouth. He was



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a blacksmith, and followed that trade in Plymouth the remainder of his life. He was an Anti-Mason, and opposed to all secret societies. He was one of the founders of the Chenango Telegraph, a paper still published at Norwich, and was always ready to promote any enterprise that promised to add to the well being of the community. He was married to Miss Lydia Cutting, and her example as a faithful wife and loving mother will long be remembered by those who knew her. Theirs were Christian lives, and while they were unostentatious in their religion, yet they found quiet satisfaction in endeavoring to follow the lead of the Good Shepherd, and were long members of the Congregational Church. Their children were: W. B.; Joseph; Martha; Mary; and Francis. W. B. and Francis are the only ones now living. The father was called home at the good old age of eighty-four, and the mother when seventy-three years old.

W. B. Monroe attended the district schools when a lad, leaving school at an early age to learn the trade in his father's smithy. He became a first-class blacksmith, working at the trade for fifteen years with his father. He then thought to try his fortunes in speculating in eggs, with such good results that he afterwards added butter and cheese to his stock in trade, and has met with the most flattering success. His first investment was made in 1860, and he still conducts a large and increasing business, the result of almost forty years' close application to business. He has a cold storage house in Plymouth, and in 1897 he had stored 2,500 dozen eggs. This

business was carried on under the name of Monroe Bros., his brother Joseph being associated with him in the enterprise. They were the owners of three large farms, in the towns of Plymouth and Smyrna, containing in all about 450 acres. In 1895 Joseph Monroe died, and since then Mr. Monroe has continued the business alone. He is the owner of a mine in South Dakota which has a good output of tin.

Mr. Monroe was married in 1842 to Hulda Fox, daughter of Reuben Fox of Pitcher, this county. One child, Polly, was added to their home, but only for a short time was she permitted to cheer it; when two and a half years old she was taken from earth to that brighter kingdom on high. Mrs. Monroe died January 31, 1898, aged seventy-five years.

Our subject is a Republican, and has held a number of local offices, but is not in any manner a politician. He is a most pleasant social addition to any company, and his fund of pithy stories, concerning the adventures of the early settlers, makes him an interesting and instructive talker.

HENRY J. HALSTEAD, a representative and prominent citizen of New Berlin, Chenango County, N. Y., who is engaged in carrying on a very lucrative hardware business in the above village, was born in Clarksville (now Middlefield), Otsego County, June 9, 1844, and is a son of Rev. Henry and Eliza A. (Parks) Halstead.

Rev. Henry Halstead was a minister of the Methodist Church, and spent all the ac-

tive years of his manhood in ministerial labors in Central New York. After wearing himself out, he finally retired to the village of New Berlin, where his death took place soon after at the advanced age of ninety-seven years. He was, as an evangelist, a man of more than ordinary ability, deep Christian fervor and convictions, possessed of a warm, sympathetic heart which beat for all. In times of trouble and distress he was sure to be the first to offer consolation and to bind up the wounds. On joyful occasions none added more to the pleasant hour. His piety was undoubted. He was withal a broad-minded man, and alive to human feelings and interests. As a leader, a teacher, and an expounder of true Christian principles, he succeeded beyond a shadow of a doubt. He was married to Miss Eliza A. Parks, and they reared two sons and one daughter.

Henry J. Halstead received his elementary educational training in the common schools, and then took a course in the Unadilla Valley Academy. Leaving school at the age of sixteen years he began to work at the printer's trade at Unadilla, but when there came a call for men to volunteer in the service of the United States to put down the Rebellion, Mr. Halstead laid down his work and enlisted August 12, 1861, in Co. D, 3d Reg. N. Y. Vol. Cav., for a term of three years. When the three years came to an end, he re-enlisted in the same company, and continued to wear the "blue" until the close of the war, receiving his honorable discharge November 29, 1865, at City Point, Va. He enlisted as a private and left the service a sergeant. The following list of engagements with the Reb-

els, in which our subject took part, gives some slight idea of what hard and continuous service was seen by his company: Goos Creek, October 22, 1861; Winchester, March 7-10, 1862; Houghton's Mill, April 27, 1862; Burnt Church, May 7, 1862; Trenton, July 25, 1862; Pungo Creek, October 29, 1862; Kinston, December 11, 1862; Goldsboro, December 17, 1862; Sandy Ridge, February 13, 1863; Newberne, February 27, 1863; Blount's Creek, April 9, 1863; Peletier's Mills, April 16, 1863; Case Creek, April 30, 1863; Stony Creek, May 7, 1863; Gum Swamp, May 22, 1863; Bachelor's Creek, May 29, 1863; Newberne, October 7, 1863; Wall's Bridge, May 5, 1864; Stony Creek, May 7, 1864; Jarratt's Station, May 8-9, 1864; White Ridge, May 8-9, 1864; Chula Depot, May 14, 1864; Belcher's Mills, May 16, 1864; Hatch's Run, June 2, 1864; Petersburg, June 15-19, 1864; South Side Road, June 22-30, 1864; Ream's Station, June 29-30, 1864; Deep Bottom, July 26-29, 1864; Meherrin Hill, August 1, 1864; Weldon Railroad, August 18-21, 1864; Ream's Station, August 21-25, 1864; Lee's Mills, August 31, 1864; Prince George C. H., September 25, 1864; Jerusalem Plank Road, September 15, 1864; Prince George C. H., September 22, 1864; Chaffin's Farm, September 29-October 1, 1864; New Market Roads, October 7, 1864; Derbytownt Road, October 13, 1864; Charles City Pike, October 20, 1864; Fair Oaks, October 27-29, 1864; and Derbytownt Road, November 15, 1864.

At the close of the war Mr. Halstead returned to Unadilla, where he remained two years and then went to Oxford, N. Y., where he entered the employ of the hoe factory,

and worked one year. He then learned the trade of a tinner with a view toward engaging in the hardware business; coming to the village of New Berlin, N. Y., with a capital of \$300.00 he formed a partnership with B. J. Haight, under the firm name of B. J. Haight & Co., and began to deal in hardware. After four years of satisfactory results he bought the interests of Mr. Haight, and continued in business alone. His store is located on Genesee Street, has a 36 foot front, 150 foot depth, and is three stories in height. Mr. Halstead handles a full line of general hardware, tinware, stoves, etc. He is a stockholder in the New Berlin Electric Light and Power Co. The school board had our subject as one of its members and its president for a number of years. He is a member of the Lewis E. Tew Post, No. 388, G. A. R., and was commander for eight years. Religiously, he is a consistent and devoted member of the Methodist Church, and is at present steward and trustee of that church. For his first wife he chose Anna C. Van Schoick of Colesville, Broome County, N. Y., and they reared two children, as follows: Jennie C., who has charge of the Deaconess House at San Diego, Cal.; and Catherine, who resides with her father. Upon the death of his first wife, Mr. Halstead married Hattie A. Chase of New Berlin, N. Y. The business of Mr. Halstead from the very start has ever exhibited a steady growth, and has now assumed large proportions, a result that is wholly due to the proprietor's excellent business sense, and to his efforts to deal fairly and alike with all. His perseverance and untiring energy are much admir-

ed in the community in which his success has been as steady as it has been deserved. The publishers of this Book of Biographies of Chenango County esteem it a privilege to be able to present on a preceding page a portrait of Mr. Halstead, who well represents the commercial interests of the county, and that great body of men who left home and dear ones to fight for a united country.

HENRY G. PARSONS. The leading tailoring establishment in Norwich is that which is conducted at 182 South Broad Street, by the gentleman whose name heads these lines. Mr. Parsons is a native of London, England. He is a son of Henry and Elizabeth E. Parsons, and a grandson of Charles Parsons who was born in Snettisham, a village near Kings Lynn, Norfolk, England.

Charles Parsons was a country merchant. He was a devout member of the Methodist Church and conspicuous for his integrity and piety. He was father of a family of twelve children, seven boys and five girls, of whom the eldest son, Henry, was the father of our subject. After a long and useful life Charles Parsons died in the year 1875.

Henry Parsons was also born in the County of Norfolk, England, and received his education at the village academy. On attaining his 21st year he went to London, and was engaged in business for a number of years as a merchant tailor, until age compelled him to retire. He is living at present in London. He was united in marriage with Miss Eliz-

abeth Ellard, who was born in the city of Exeter, Devonshire, England. Three children were born to them, namely: Elizabeth, deceased; Mary, deceased; and Henry G., the subject of this personal history. Henry Parsons is a member of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Parsons was a loving wife and a devoted mother; she died in March, 1895, deeply lamented.

Henry G. Parsons acquired his education at Prof. Bond's Classical and Commercial Academy, Notting Hill, London. He was apprenticed to the tailoring trade upon leaving school. After following his trade for three years, he left London in 1866, and crossing the Atlantic, settled in America. He located in Washington, D. C., following his trade for one year, and next went to New York City, where he remained for two years, and then followed his trade in different cities for some years, finally locating in Norwich, N. Y., as a cutter for Peacock & Brown, with whom he remained until they closed out their business. He then entered the employ of Albert Pendleton, and after a period of three years purchased the business, and has since conducted it with good results. He has had nearly thirty years' experience as a cutter and fitter, and is now an expert. He gives his whole attention to this branch of the work, and employs in his workshop skilled men, who under his supervision do the remainder of the work. The stock carried by Mr. Parsons is a most perfect one, and embraces a complete line of domestic and foreign woolens for suitings, cassimeres, broadcloths and cheviots of the most reliable manufacture, as well as a handsome line of

pantings; he also carries every grade and style of fabrics for overcoats and ulsters, and the trimmings used are of the best quality in every particular. He makes a specialty of fine work, and numbers among his customers the best people of Chenango County and many from other sections, who find it to their advantage to overlook the matter of distance in order to secure a really first-class article. The success and increase of patronage, coupled with the straightforward and liberal manner of transacting business for which this establishment is noted, bespeaks for it in the future a prosperous and permanent business.

In 1872, Mr. Parsons was united in marriage with Julia Gamper, a daughter of Abraham Gamper, who is a resident of Elmira, N. Y. Four children have blessed their union, namely: Elizabeth M.; Mabel M.; Charles, deceased; and Harvey, also deceased. In political belief, our subject is a Republican. Religiously, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a good citizen, with broad views of the duties of citizenship, well-formed convictions on important subjects, and takes a deep interest in whatever pertains to the financial, educational, social, moral or spiritual advancement of the township and county at large.

JAMES A. JIPSON, one of Sherburne's energetic business men, and proprietor of one of the best equipped and best kept liverys in Central New York, was born at Union Valley, Cortland County,



CHARLES H. LATHAM.

August 15, 1846. He is a son of Michael and Deborah (Newton) Jipson.

Michael Jipson was born in the State of Connecticut, and early in life came to Cortland County, and followed the occupation of a farmer. He was united in marriage to Miss Deborah Newton, and a large family of children was born to them, namely: Aurilla; Daniel; Eliza; Luther, who died when aged about 28 years; Martha; Deborah; Rosina; John; and James, the subject of our sketch. Mrs. Jipson died at the age of sixty-five years. Mr. Jipson passed from this life at the advanced age of eighty years.

James A. Jipson, the subject of this sketch, received a good, liberal education, and when he attained his majority, he was engaged in the pursuits of an agriculturist. Finding this business unsuited to his tastes and talents, in 1870 he left the farm and moved to the village of Sherburne, where he purchased the livery, then owned by James Spencer. In 1880 the Medbury Hotel barns were burned, in which our subject sustained a severe loss. Later the Hotel Daniels with its barns was built on the same spot where the Hotel barns was located. Mr. Jipson at once rented and re-opened a fine livery stable, which contains a fine variety of turnouts. He has served four years as deputy sheriff under Sheriff June, and has served fourteen years as police constable.

Mr. Jipson was wedded to Miss Elizabeth Parslow, a daughter of John S. Parslow of Lincklaen, this county. Our subject is one of the pushing business men of Sherburne, and anything conducive to the public good finds in him a friend and supporter.

CH. LATHAM is the proprietor of the leading hardware establishment of the village of Norwich, and conducts a large business in hardware, stoves, ranges and the like at his store at No. 215 North Broad Street. So far back as forty years ago, the business was first established by our subject's father, Joseph H. Latham, it being itself a continuation of a business that had prospered for many years previous to the time he took hold of it in 1858. C. H. Latham was born November 13, 1864, in Norwich, Chenango County, where his entire life has been spent. The Lathams of this district originally came from Chesterfield, Mass.

James H. Latham was born in Guilford, Chenango County, and taught school several terms after completing his own common school education. In the spring of 1854, he came to Norwich, and in the following year became identified with the hardware firm of Haynes & Knight as clerk and bookkeeper, remaining in their employ until the death of Mr. Haynes in 1857, when he was still continued in the store by the administrator of the estate until the fall of 1858, when he formed a partnership with D. M. Holmes, thus originating the firm of Latham & Holmes, which bought out the entire business of Haynes & Knight, even including the real estate. In the spring of 1864, our subject's father purchased his partner's interest and continued the business alone until early in 1888, when he disposed of it to his son, Charles H. Latham, and H. H. Higley, and retired from active life. Mr. Latham is a Republican, and is always ready to work for the good of the party. He married Frances

Randall, and reared a family that was composed of two children: Francis; and Charles H., our subject.

Charles H. Latham early went into his father's store and clerked, continuing to act in that capacity until he and his partner, Mr. Higley, assumed control of the establishment and proceeded to build up a large and lucrative trade. In March of 1895, the firm of Latham & Higley was dissolved, Mr. Latham buying out his partner, and since conducting the business. He has greatly enlarged his stock, which consists of every describable class of heavy and shelf hardware, stoves, ranges, carpenters' tools, farming implements, and such house furnishings as are included under the general term of hardware. He also has a plumbing, steam and gas-fitting business, conducted in connection with the hardware business, and in charge of the best and most reliable workmen, who do their work on the most approved sanitary system. As Mr. Latham employs ample capital in his business, he is enabled to buy his goods cheap on a cash basis, and can therefore offer articles at very low prices to his customers. His ten years' business dealings in Chenango County have but served to deepen the regard that is entertained for him, for he has those sterling business principles and genial manners, that go so far towards making a good impression, and holding the goodwill of those who desire to do business with him. His signal success is but the well-merited reward of energy, enterprise and perseverance.

In 1885, Mr. Latham formed a matrimonial alliance with Nellie Miller, daughter of T. D.

Miller of Norwich, and they have two children, namely: Ruth and Gertrude. Our subject is a Republican and has served as a trustee of the village of Norwich. He is a prominent Odd Fellow, affiliating with Lodge No. 205, of Norwich. Mr. Latham is also a director of the Agricultural Association of Chenango County. He has taken an especially deep interest in the fire department of his native village, and was once the assistant chief engineer; he is a member of the George Rider Hook & Ladder Co., and was foreman of that organization for a matter of three years. Mr. Latham was elected chief engineer of the Norwich Fire Department, January 1, 1898, and through his efforts the city has since adopted the Gamewell Fire Alarm System, and purchased an adequate supply of new hose. His portrait as chief appears on a preceding page.

MARSHALL D. SPENCER, M. D.
 The Spencer family, which is one of the oldest and best known in Chenango County, is of French origin, and formerly spelled the name La Spincier. The Spencers in the United States are supposed to be descended from three brothers, who came to this country in colonial times, but the first authentic history we have of the branch to which our subject belongs is of Jonathan Spencer. It is thought he was a native of Montgomery County, N. Y., and was born March 17, 1744. In the fall of 1778 or 1779, he, with his oldest son, Orange, the

grandfather of our subject, removed to Otsego County and took up his home in Unadilla, where the two were the first settlers, and erected the first cabin on what is now Spencer Street. They returned to Montgomery County at the end of the summer, where they remained until after the cold winter months had passed, when they, accompanied by the rest of the family, set out for their new home. They placed their possessions on sledges, which were drawn by oxen from the Mohawk River to Cooperstown, where they stopped long enough to build a bateau, upon which they put their belongings, and floated down the Susquehanna River, until they reached the mouth of the Unadilla River; they pushed the bateau up that river for about three miles, when they disembarked and took possession of their cabin. There they lived in true primitive style, having no neighbors but the Indians, who were still unfriendly to white men. The family, of course, encountered many hardships, as they were obliged to divide their scanty stock of provisions with the Indians, in order to keep peace; as a result they brought a famine upon themselves, and for weeks at a time they had no bread on their table, and the children often went to bed hungry. However, after some years spent in hard work and patient toil, better times began to appear; other settlers came into the vicinity, and their home, so long one of privation and want, became one of plenty and comfort. Jonathan Spencer was a soldier of the Revolutionary War. His first wife was formerly Ruth Mudge, who was born in December, 1747, by whom he had four children, namely:

Rev. Orange, born July 3, 1765; Amos, November 11, 1767; Jonathan, December 4, 1772; and Micah, February 12, 1780. He was again married July 23, 1781, to Miss Martha Keach, and reared eight children, whose births were as follows: Nathaniel, February 12, 1782; Elisha, May 24, 1784; William, July 1, 1787; Francis, November 6, 1789; Mercy, April 9, 1796; Barzilla, May 9, 1798; Asher, January 2, 1800; and Solomon, July 11, 1803. Mrs. Spencer was one of the best of wives and mothers, and just the kind of woman needed to struggle through the hardships of the times in which she lived. She was a woman of remarkable bravery, as is shown by the following: When the Indians, led by the noted Chief Brant, made a raid in the vicinity of the settlement, and the men were away fighting, the frightened women sought refuge in old Fort Plains, and she stood guard. She came from a family well known for their bravery and fighting ability. James Keach, one of her brothers, in a raid on Johnstown, during the Revolution, captured the suit of clothes in which Sir William Johnson was knighted. When a band of Tories made a raid on the home of her sister, Margaret Burch, in search of Mr. Burch, the redoubtable pioneer woman met them half way and repulsed them with a red hot poker. Another sister, having been driven from her home in the Wyoming Valley, fled across the country on foot, carrying an infant son in her arms.

Rev. Orange Spencer, better known as Elder Spencer, was born in Montgomery County, N. Y., but when he was about fourteen years of age, he moved to Unadilla with

his father; he remained there until 1840, when he went to Jamestown, where he resided the remainder of his life. His life was devoted to the cause of Christianity; he was a minister, and promulgated the doctrines of the Baptist Church. He founded the Baptist Church at Masonville, where he was pastor for a number of years. He was a man of many virtues, and did much toward the advancement of the morals of the communities in which he lived. He reared a family of four sons and two daughters, whose records are as follows: Philomelia, who became the wife of John Fry of Unadilla; Gilbert, who lived in North-East township, Erie County, Pa., and followed farming until his death; Orange B., late a farmer of Oneida County, N. Y.; Cena, who married Peter Loop, a farmer of North-East township, Erie County, Pa.; and Gaius L., the father of our subject. Mr. Spencer died at the advanced age of seventy-eight years, January 15, 1843.

Dr. Gaius L. Spencer was born in Unadilla, Otsego County, N. Y., where he received his primary education. He then began the study of medicine with Dr. Kolby Knapp of Guilford, and was licensed to practice by the Delaware County Medical Association in 1817. He immediately began to practice at Triangle, where he remained the rest of his life; he was the first physician in the town, and soon acquired a large and lucrative practice; he was one of the leading physicians of the county, being a member of the Broome County Medical Association. He was bound in wedlock with Miss Lucy Cady, a native of Norfolk, Conn.; she was a daughter of Ami Cady, and was born Janu-

ary 27, 1796. This union resulted in the birth of six children, who are as follows: Caroline M., who was the wife of John W. Blakeslee, deceased, and later the wife of William Baldwin, also deceased; Erasmus S. D., a farmer of the town of Greene, who died August 13, 1896; Dr. Herschel D., late a physician of Afton, Chenango County, was born August 4, 1823, graduated from the Pittsfield Medical College of Pittsfield, Mass., in 1848, and died July 27, 1857, at South Bainbridge, where he was practicing for a number of years; Dr. Cyrenius D., born December 4, 1825, was also a graduate of the Pittsfield Medical College, in 1849, and began the practice of medicine in West Cornwall, Litchfield County, Conn., where he remained four years, after which he was located in Gilbertsville, Otsego County, until 1870, when he moved to Binghamton, where he now resides; Lawrence H., born September 20, 1827, died December 5, 1890, was a traveling salesman of Binghamton; and Marshall D., our subject. Dr. and Mrs. Gaius L. Spencer were faithful members of the Congregational Church. The Doctor was a man whose long residence endeared him to a large circle of friends, and his reputation as a physician, gained by his 35 years' active work in Triangle, reached far and near. His aid was ever ready at the first call of distress, and his death, which occurred June 18, 1852, was a cause of universal mourning, and was brought about by an accident, while he was at the zenith of his prosperity. He was performing an autopsy, when in some manner he received a wound from the needle, which resulted in blood-poisoning, which ter-

minated fatally. The talent for ministering to the sufferings of their fellow-men appears to have been an inherited one, as three out of five sons studied medicine, and gained enviable reputations.

Dr. Marshall D. Spencer, our subject, received his primary education in the public schools of his native place; then entered the office of his brother, Dr. C. D. Spencer, studying medicine with him, and with his father, until the death of the latter, when he went to Litchfield, Conn., and studied with Drs. Beckwith and Seymour of that place. Later, in 1854 and 1855 he attended lectures at the University of New York. At this time he was compelled to discontinue his studies, as his health was giving way under the strain. In 1859, the Broome County Medical Society granted him a license, and in the same year he began practicing in the village where he now resides.

On the 12th of August, 1855, Dr. Spencer was united in matrimony with Miss Mary E. Dodge, daughter of Avery Dodge, a manufacturer of medicine, formerly of Coventry, this county, later of Triangle, Broome County. This union was blessed by the birth of two children: Elwyn L., born October 28, 1857, studied medicine with his father, and graduated at the Buffalo Medical College, in February, 1882, and is now a successful practitioner of Windsor, Broome County, N. Y.; May E., born September 27, 1864, died May 8, 1874.

Dr. Spencer is a very successful physician, his income being about \$2,500.00 a year. He is especially successful in his treatment of diseases of the lungs, and of pneumonia, in

consequence of which his services are in great demand, particularly in those cases. He still keeps up the reputation his father had before him, of being a physician of superior merit, and of one who thinks that every case upon which he is called to attend is well worth his best efforts, and no pains are spared to alleviate the sufferer, be he rich or poor. This characteristic of ever being ready to aid a fellow sufferer has been noted in the Spencer family from the first, for Jonathan Spencer, when he settled in the wilds of Otsego County, divided his frugal fare with unfortunate neighbors. This trait in his great-grandchildren has been the means of binding them closely in the affections of their fellow men, and it is no surprise to find Dr. Spencer's name most prominent in all social circles. He is a member and ex-president of the Chenango County Medical Society, also a member of the State Medical Society. He is a member and ex-secretary of Oxford Lodge, No. 175, F. & A. M.; member and ex-scribe of Oxford Chapter, No. 254; member and medical examiner of the A. O. U. W. of Guilford. He has always been a Republican, having cast his first vote for John C. Fremont, and for each presidential candidate on the Republican ticket since. His time is so fully occupied with his professional duties, that he has had little time to devote to political life. However, his friends prevailed on him to allow his name to be placed on the ticket for coroner, fifteen years ago, when he was elected by an overwhelming majority, and so well did the man suit the office that he was continued in that office for four terms. Both he and his most excellent wife are at-

tendants of the Congregational Church, of which they are members. Their names have long been identified with all the best interests of the village.

CHARLES H. THORNTON, an influential citizen of New Berlin, and one of its progressive business men, conducts a general merchandise store under the firm name of C. H. Thornton & Co. He was born in the town of Norwich, Chenango County, N. Y., February 7, 1842, and was the first child born to David and Abbie Ann (Clark) Thornton, and a grandson of William Thornton. His great-grandfather was Jonathan Thornton, a native of Rhode Island. In that state, Jonathan Thornton lived for many years, but in 1812 brought his family to New York State, locating in Norwich, Chenango County. He was a mason by trade, and in connection with farming followed that trade all his life. After reaching the advanced age of seventy-five years, he passed from this life in 1862.

His son, William Thornton, was also born in Rhode Island, where he grew to maturity. After his marriage, he came to this state with his father, and earned a competence by tilling the soil. He remained at Norwich the rest of his life.

David Thornton was born in Rhode Island in 1806, and was six years of age when his father brought him to Norwich. Here he was reared and spent most of his life. He engaged in agricultural pursuits and stock raising. He owned a good farm of 200 acres,

which was supplied with 25 or 30 choice cows, for the purpose of carrying on a dairy. Later in life, he moved to the town of Guilford, where he spent the rest of his life, dying in 1885. He was quite a prominent man, and identified himself with his adopted town, and rejoiced in the status she attained among her sister towns. He was joined in wedlock with Abbie Ann Clark, by whom he had the following children: Charles H., the subject of these lines; Sarah E., the wife of William H. Sage, and a resident of Holmesville, this county; Anson, a farmer of Morris, Otsego County; and Samuel, who is a retired farmer of Mt. Upton.

Charles H. Thornton was reared in Norwich, and lived there until his seventeenth year. He then came to New Berlin, and has made it his home since, with the exception of one year spent in Iowa. He spent his summers as a youth in hard labor upon the farm, but in the winters he attended school, and thus fitted himself for his future business career. At the age of twenty, he commenced work in a tannery, and remained there one year. He was adventurous, ambitious, and desirous of going beyond the confines of his own state. He went to Iowa, and there burned lime in the employ of his uncle. Not finding this occupation to his liking, after a stay of one year he returned to New Berlin, and worked on the farm the following two years. He then engaged as a clerk for William Lewis of Holmesville, but soon gave up the position to accept a similar one with C. B. & H. Babcock of New Berlin. He rapidly gained in experience, and after remaining with that firm for seven and a half



JOEL J. BIXBY.

years, he began business on his own account. He opened a general merchandise store in Holmesville, and conducts it under the firm name, C. H. Thornton & Co. He was shrewd and enterprising, and soon acquired a good, paying business. They carry a fine line of goods, and have the largest sale of any store in the village.

December 30, 1868, Mr. Thornton was united in marriage with Julia E. Gadsby, a daughter of Edward Gadsby of Butternuts, Otsego County. She is a kind and loving wife, and has contributed largely toward her husband's success. Mr. Thornton takes an active interest in politics, and supports the principles promulgated by the Democratic party.

JOEL J. BIXBY, a well-known attorney and popular citizen of the village of Norwich, Chenango County, N. Y., whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, was born July 17, 1863, at Bainbridge, N. Y., where his ancestors had resided since Revolutionary days, the family being among the first to settle there.

Mr. Bixby attended the common schools and Bainbridge Academy; and immediately after the close of his school life began the study of law with the late Hon. Isaac S. Newton, continuing with Judge Albert F. Gladding, and was admitted to the bar April 24, 1885; and since has been continuously engaged in the active practice of law at Norwich, where, through his perseverance and integrity, he has become well and favor-

ably known as a leading member of the Chenango County bar; and has won a host of friends by his kind-hearted, sincere nature.

In 1887 Mr. Bixby was married to Miss M. Louise Newton, daughter of the late Hon. Warren Newton, a prominent business man of Chenango County, and the founder and president of the National Bank of Norwich. Mrs. Bixby received a liberal education in New York and Boston, continuing the study of music and art abroad. Mr. and Mrs. Bixby have one child, Warren Newton Bixby, born December 31, 1890.

Mr. Bixby is a stanch Republican, and is always actively interested in the welfare of his party. Although not an office seeker, he believes in performing his part when called upon. In 1892 he was made chairman of the Republican County Committee, and for two terms performed the duties of that office to the entire satisfaction of his party. He is a vestryman of the Emmanuel Church, a director of the National Bank of Norwich, and is prominent in social circles; belongs to several leading fraternities, being a member of Norwich Lodge, No. 302, F. & A. M.; Harmony Chapter, R. A. M.; Norwich Commandery, No. 46, K. T.; and Chenango Consistory, No. 31.

DR. IRA C. OWEN, deceased, late a resident and medical practitioner of Sherburne, was born in Lebanon, N. Y., April 8, 1822. He was a son of Josiah and Sally (Campbell) Owen. Josiah

Owen was a tanner and shoemaker by trade, which occupation he followed the most of his life. His wife bore him a family of eight children: Charles T.; Albert C.; Ira C., subject of this sketch; Mary L.; Henry A.; Sarah A.; Alvah H.; and Phœbe E.; all of whom are highly respected in the localities in which they now reside. Mr. Owen entered into rest at the age of seventy-five years. Mrs. Owen passed from this life at the age of seventy-six years.

Dr. Ira C. Owen received his primary education in the common schools and Hamilton Academy, which was supplemented by a course in the Cleveland Medical University of Homeopathy. In 1845 he came to Sherburne as the first graduate from that school. He was exceedingly diligent and careful, and, being a man of magnificent presence and fine manners, succeeded in acquiring a very large practice. Dr. Owen was very successful, for he amassed a fortune that was entirely the result of his own unabatable industry and energy. He followed his chosen profession for fifty-one years, when he was obliged to give it up owing to ill health; even then his counsel was sought. Dr. Owen was a man of generous impulses, strict integrity, and pure moral character, a kind and loving husband and father. He died April 15, 1896, and his death was deeply felt and deplored by all who knew him, and indeed by all the citizens of the county. His beautiful home on Summit Street was mostly his creation. The house is large and commodious, elegantly furnished, and around nearly two sides are verandas, enclosed in glass, which add the more to its beauty and to the comfort of its

inmates. The lawns and flower gardens surrounding the house constituted his paradise in the summer; he also had a large greenhouse for his private use, which contained a variety of beautiful plants.

Dr. Owen married Miss Jennette P. Buell, in whom he found a worthy companion and wife. She is a daughter of Joseph and Permelia (Stowell) Buell of Lebanon. Joseph Buell was a son of Thomas Buell, a prominent farmer, and was born in Lebanon, N. Y., May 21, 1796, and died May 24, 1837. He married Miss Permelia Stowell, and a family of eight children was reared: Angelina; Jennette; John; Warren; Thomas; Leroy; Fayette; and William. Jennette Buell was born May 17, 1823, in Lebanon, N. Y. May 6, 1848, she was united in marriage with Dr. Ira C. Owen, and as a result of this happy union, three children blessed their home: Burritt D., born March 31, 1851, died in his infancy; Ida F., born July 24, 1856, married John H. O'Brian, editor of the Sherburne News, whose sketch may also be found in this book; Angie N., born June 1, 1865, married Fred R. Nash of Poolville, and is the mother of two children, Alice G., and Edith J. Politically, Dr. Owen was an ardent Republican. He was a member of the Sherburne Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 444, and took an active part in the workings, having served as grand master. In his religious views he was a Congregationalist. Mrs. Owen is strong physically and mentally for one of her years. She largely contributed to the success of her husband, and is a kind and generous neighbor and friend, a true and faithful wife and devoted mother.

ALBERT J. PAYNE, editor and proprietor of the South New Berlin Bee is successfully conducting this journal with credit to himself and satisfaction to all concerned. He is a thoroughly educated man, an excellent journalist, and is meeting with success in his present pursuit. Mr. Payne is a son of Charles A. and Eliza J. (Cushman) Payne, and was born in Edmeston, Otsego County, N. Y., August 13, 1867.

William Payne, the grandfather of our subject, lived in Edmeston for many years, but previously resided in Morris, N. Y. His occupation was that of a carpenter and builder, but he also manufactured picture frames to some extent. He was a strong Prohibitionist, and never used stimulants in any form. Religiously, he was a devoted member of the Methodist Church, and was superintendent of the Sabbath School for a number of years. He married Mary Ackerman, and they had a family of three children, namely: Mrs. Ada A. McLaughlin of Edmeston, N. Y.; Charles A., the father of our subject; and Urban Delos who is a resident of Edmeston, N. Y.

Charles A. Payne received his education in the common schools of Edmeston, his birth place, and lived there until he had attained his majority. In 1877 he went to Garden Prairie, Ill., and journeyed to Los Angeles, California. Prior to this he was a carpenter and shoe maker, and when he went west he followed his former trade of carpentering, which is his present business. In religious views he has attached himself to the Methodist Church and was a superintendent of the Sabbath School. He was joined in marriage with

Eliza J. Cushman, and one child, our subject, blessed their home.

Albert J. Payne attended the common schools at Edmeston until he was sixteen years of age, and then learned the printer's trade, which he followed in the village of Waterville for four months. He then went to Richfield and worked one month, after which he returned to Edmeston for a short time before leaving for Utica, where he was employed on the Living Issue, a weekly paper. His next position was at Morris, where he worked on the Morris Chronicle for two years. Returning home he attended school for one year and then went to Utica and was employed in a clothing store, where he remained for a short time, when he returned to Edmeston, his native place, and purchased a half interest in the Edmeston Local, and after conducting this paper for two years, he went to Greene County and established the Cairo Herald, conducting that paper for seven years, selling out finally to a stock company. In the fall of 1896 he came to South New Berlin and started the South New Berlin Bee, which he now publishes. He is conducting it in an able manner; his subscription list is steadily increasing, and the paper is rapidly growing popular with the people. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. He is a member of the Yonderbocker Lodge, No. 289, K. of P. of Cairo; and a member of the Winnebago Tribe No. 362, I. O. R. M. He married June 11, 1890, Gertrude Brooks of Edmeston, and they have one child, Melicent.

Mr. Payne gives most of his leisure time to literary pursuits, for which he has a genu-

ine love, and in which he takes pride in aiming to excel. He is highly respected in a community of people possessing more than ordinary intelligence.

ELIOJ JOSLYN KIDDER, the subject of this sketch, was born in Grafton, Vt., December 6, 1811, and died in Bainbridge, February 10, 1868. He was a son of John and Dorothy (Joslyn) Kidder, and was reared on a farm in the Green Mountain State. When a young man he moved to Bainbridge, and began his connection with the business interests of this section as a merchant. On December 15, 1845, he married Adeline Bigelow, daughter of Judge Levi Bigelow, and a few years later he left the mercantile business, and engaged in land speculating and the handling of real estate, and continued to be thus occupied throughout the last twenty years of his life. He was a man of fine business qualities, enterprising, and active in public affairs. Capable, energetic, and devoted to business pursuits, success in his ventures was ever assured. He gave freely and liberally to deserving objects of his bounty, regardless of creed, race, and color. The Episcopal Church had in him a faithful friend, and one who was ever ready to co-operate with others in advancing the cause of the church. In politics, he stanchly supported the cause of the Abolition party, which he lived to see triumphantly wave on the banners of the returning victorious soldiers. With the advent of the Republican party, he became a warm admirer of the

sainted Lincoln, and supported the party of reform until his death.

Mrs. Eliot Joslyn Kidder (née Adeline Bigelow) was born Nov. 22, 1819, in Bainbridge, and died at her home there February 6, 1894. Her father, Judge Levi Bigelow, was born at Guilford, Vermont, February 25, 1785; on February 23, 1814, he married Hannah Goodrich of Westminster, Vermont, and in 1815, moved to Bainbridge, where he began the practice of law, taking up his abode on what is now known as the Col. Juliand place. He later exchanged this property with the late Col. Richard Juliand, and moved into and conducted for a few years the Bainbridge Inn. However, wishing to devote himself unreservedly to the practice of his profession, for which he was eminently fitted, he bought the property since occupied by the late Joel Bixby, and lived there until forced by age and failing health to give up active life; he then removed to Tioga, Pa., where he died in 1868, at the advanced age of eighty-three years. Judge Bigelow was largely identified with the early growth and development of Chenango County. He was a lawyer of marked ability; in early life his talents received recognition by his being appointed judge of Chenango County, Pleas and County Court, which position he held for a period of twenty-two years. He also served one term in the State Assembly. In religious belief he was an ardent Episcopalian, and St. Peter's Church in Bainbridge owes its existence in part to his untiring energy and generosity. He was a courtly gentleman of the old school, and traced his lineage back in



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a direct line to William the Conqueror. Of the family of seven children born to him and his wife, not one is now living.

Our subject was survived at his death by his widow and two daughters, Stella Adeline, and Annah Bigelow, both of whom make their home in Washington, D. C., where Mrs. Kidder passed the winter seasons during the last sixteen years of her life. Stella Adeline, the widow of John C. Yale, holds a position in the State Department, while her sister, Annah Bigelow, is employed in the Treasury Department. Mr. Kidder was of New England stock, a descendant of James Kidder, who came over from England in 1649, settling in New Ipswich, Mass. The History of New Ipswich in the Congressional Library at Washington traces the family line back to the year 1270.

JAMES H. WESTCOTT, M. D., who has been engaged in the practice of his profession in Norwich for the past twenty-five years, is a practitioner of the Eclectic school, a deep student, and one who has a thorough understanding of the intricacies of his calling. He was born June 27, 1850, in the village of Norwich, Chenango County, N. Y., and is a son of Dr. James J. and Martha M. (Hurlbut) Westcott.

Dr. James J. Westcott was the leading physician and a very prominent man of the village of Norwich. He was born in Eaton, Madison County, N. Y., September 1, 1826, and spent his early life as a farmer. After moving to Norwich, he began the study of medicine with Dr. Hiram Hurlbut, and in 1857 he

graduated from the Syracuse Medical College. For the two following years he practiced in Norwich with Dr. Hurlbut, and then began to practice alone. He was a man of considerable force of character, well bred and well informed, an ornament to his profession, an excellent business man, and one whose opinions were respected by his fellow citizens. He was a thoughtful and conservative practitioner, and to his patients he was not only the physician, but the warm friend and adviser. He had a keen sense of professional honor, and was generous and manly with his competitors and associates. He had an extensive practice and accumulated considerable property. He built the fine home and office on West Main Street, which his son, James H., now occupies. His wife's maiden name was Martha M. Hurlbut, and she was a daughter of Dr. Hiram Hurlbut, and a great grand-daughter of one of the patriots who participated in the ever memorable Boston Tea Party. The Hurlbut family comes of New England stock; her grandfather, John Hurlbut, was born in Connecticut, and was a grenadier soldier of the Revolution. After the war he came to New York State and settled in Onondaga County. Dr. Hiram Hurlbut was born in Weatherfield, Conn., and was one of the earliest settlers of Norwich, where he won great distinction as a physician and surgeon. His wife was the first licensed lady physician in Chenango County. She died in 1861, and her husband survived her sixteen years. They reared four children: Martha M. and John E., M. D., of Aurora, Ill., being the only ones now living. Dr. and Mrs.

Westcott were the parents of five children, namely: James H., the subject of this personal history; George M., who died in infancy; Flora M., who died at the age of two and a half years; Ella M. died at an early age; and Ella D., who married W. Lee Wightman. Dr. Westcott passed into the unknown beyond March 19, 1894. His wife still survives him, and lives in the old home with her son.

Dr. James H. Westcott, after completing a course of study in Norwich Academy, took up the study of medicine with his father. In 1872 he graduated from the Eclectic Medical College of Pennsylvania, and then began practice with his father. After remaining with him one year, he practiced alone, and acquired a large and lucrative practice, but since his father's death, he has been called to fill his place. He was eminently fitted to assume these duties, as his subsequent career has proven, for he is thoroughly reliable and capable of handling even the most complicated of diseases.

He formed a matrimonial alliance with Mary E. Close, a native of Norwich, and a daughter of Col. James T. Close, who formerly lived in Norwich, but later moved to Alexandria, Va., where he owned several large plantations. He raised the first regiment in the state to fight for the Union. He was made colonel and served through the entire war, but his health was impaired, and he died shortly after leaving the service. As a result of our subject's union, one son, James H., Jr., was born, November 2, 1883.

Politically, Dr. Westcott is a Republican and votes uniformly and conscientiously with

his party. He is a prominent man among his professional brethren, and an influential member of the Norwich Eclectic Medical Association; also a member of the Central New York, New York State, and National Medical Associations. Socially, he is a member of the Norwich Lodge, F. & A. M.; Harmony Chapter, R. A. M.; Norwich Commandery, K. T.; Chenango Consistory; and Ziyara Temple, Mystic Shrine, Utica, N. Y. He is also a member of the Iron Hall of Baltimore. He is a man of liberal ideas, temperate in his expression of opinions, and possessing all of those qualities which constitute an honest man and a good citizen. We present Dr. Westcott's portrait on a preceding page in connection with the above outline of his life.

STEPHEN K. WILLCOX. Chenango County is indeed fortunate in possessing a public officer of such efficiency and general executive ability as Mr. Willcox, who, as county treasurer, has charge of all the various funds, and sees to the collection of the taxes. As a prominent and influential member of the Republican party, he has held the office by suffrage of the citizens of the county since 1893, and has proved himself a thoroughly capable, as well as zealous, public officer. Although his public duties are somewhat onerous and exacting in their nature, he yet finds time, by employing dispatch in his labors, to oversee and care for his stock farm in Smyrna township, where his home has always been, and

where he was born August 10, 1858. Mr. Willcox is a son of Thomas L. and Catherine (Stover) Willcox, grandson of Lillibridge and Annie (Hoxsie) Willcox, and great-grandson of Hopson Willcox.

The ancestors of Hopson Willcox date back to the year 1638 to Edward Willcox of Portsmouth and Kingston, Rhode Island Colony, who had about that time a trading house at Narragansett, which he conducted with Roger Williams, the founder of the colony. The names of the men, who span the years from 1638 to about 1739, when Hopson Willcox was born in Exeter, R. I., are unfortunately not known to the writer of this biography, but they can be found in the town records of Rhode Island. Hopson Willcox came to Chenango County with his sons in 1795 to locate a home for the family, and chose a river farm in the town of Smyrna; he purchased a tract of about 100 acres, where Melvin Willcox now lives. The remainder of the family, with the exception of two girls, who remained in the state of their birth, came to Chenango County in 1798. There were eight children in the family, and the names of the six who came to Chenango County were, as follows: Robert; Russell; Lillibridge; John; Hazard; and Betsey. Hopson Willcox lived to be eighty-three years old, dying in 1822.

Lillibridge Willcox was born in Richmond, R. I., and brought his wife to the new home in Chenango County in 1798, settling on the homestead, where the subject of this personal history now lives. He owned 200 acres of fertile land; the log house, which he built, when he first moved upon the property and

began to clear the land, he replaced in after years, when the country became populated and saw-mills frequent, with a frame structure, which is now, though slightly remodeled and rebuilt, a part of our subject's home. With a view to permanent occupancy of the land, and to the needs of the new country, he brought with him from Rhode Island apple seeds, and raised seedling trees, which he set out in orchards for himself and for his neighbors. The family clung to their Quaker customs and beliefs long after coming to this district, but gradually they drifted into other denominations. Hopson Willcox had been in his day quite a preacher in the Quaker Church. Lillibridge Willcox cleared a good farm, and gave every evidence of being a man of progress and advanced ideas on all subjects. He with all his brothers had ample means when he came to Smyrna, and added largely to his possessions. He lived to be eighty years old, dying in 1853, while his wife attained the age of seventy-seven, her death taking place in 1858.

Our subject's father, Thomas L. Willcox, was born September 21, 1803, in a log cabin on the farm in Smyrna, where he always resided; he was the second of seven children, and outlived the rest of the family. He inherited the homestead, and through the results of a life of thrift and enterprise he added to his original possessions until he was the owner of 320 acres of farming land. He signaled his prosperity by building additions to the frame structure constructed by his father, and by erecting large barns to accommodate his large agricultural operations. He was one of the prominent men of his

town, and his death, which occurred January 13, 1884, was mourned by all his fellow-citizens. When the old state militia flourished Capt. Willcox was always at his post on "General Training" day. He was a Democrat of the old school until the Free Soil movement gained force, when he cast in his fortunes with the Republican party, in whose counsels he rendered valuable service. He held a number of the township offices, being well qualified for public service; he would have probably been elected to more offices had it not been for the fact that during his younger and more active days the town was wont to give Whig candidates three votes to the Democratic candidates one. The conditions are similar to-day, the town never failing to give an overwhelming majority for the Republican ticket. He was liberal in his religious views. Following the example set by his father, he never used tobacco in any form; the same may also be said of his son, Stephen K., our subject. He was a good man, with a stainless record for just dealing, and was greatly missed in the community where he had lived so long, when he was called to his Heavenly Home. In 1846 he was united in marriage with Catherine Stover, daughter of William and Betsey (Elwood) Stover. William Stover was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., in 1765, and departed his life in Smyrna township, this county, in 1841. His first wife, Elizabeth Hollenbeck, bore him these children: Mary; Adam; Betsy; Asenath; Samuel; Hannah; Jemima; and William. Two years after his first wife's death, he married, in 1808, Betsey Elwood, and reared these children: Susan,

the wife of Russell Wilcox; Lydia, who married Alfred Seymour; Benjamin; Ruth, who became the helpmeet of Jarvis Pike; John A.; Catherine, our subject's mother; and Richard Elwood. William Stover purchased a tract of land, 400 acres in extent, in the town of Smyrna, then Sherburne, and there took up and followed agricultural pursuits, with the most flattering results, for he accumulated a good fortune, reared a large family, and was able to attend to many public and semi-public duties. He belonged at one time to the sect of Reformed Methodists, but withdrew from that denomination, and on his own land at his own expense erected a church, where he preached, but where no contributions were taken for any purpose. He was glad to be able to support the church himself, and always welcomed ministers of every denomination to visit him, and to occupy his pulpit when it was not his regular preaching day. Before he built this church, quarterly meetings were frequently held upon his premises in a grove of butter-nut trees; at least one such meeting was held in the church after its erection. A conference, which was largely attended, was held there about 1828, and among those present was Brigham Young, later to become the head of the Mormon Church. He was a very well educated man, could speak German fluently, and was looked up to by his neighbor settlers as a man of very superior attainments. He was a charitable person, a devout Christian, and an eloquent speaker, employing the truly sublime gift of eloquence in winning souls to the Master. He was exemplary in his habits, and never used tobacco,

an example that was closely imitated by all his sons. The following children were born to our subject's parents: Anna E., the esteemed wife of Benjamin J. Cone of Columbus, N. Y.—she died in November, 1882; Arthur L., who married Delephine R. Dimmick, and lives on a farm adjoining our subject's; Stephen K., the subject of this sketch; and William R., once principal of the Webster Union Free School, Monroe County, N. Y., and now an attorney-at-law, No. 32 Nassau Street, New York City. Mrs. Catherine (Stover) Willcox, our subject's mother, resides with him.

Stephen K. Willcox received his education in the district schools and in Eastman's Business College. At his father's death he inherited the homestead, which he had been managing for a few years, himself, and now owns one of the best dairy farms in the town of Smyrna. For some years he has had it stocked with blooded Devonshire cattle, and milks some twenty-five cows. He has a flock of 100 fine bred sheep. He has also made a specialty of raising single comb White Leghorns, and has some of the finest poultry in the state, well-housed in commodious and well-lighted and ventilated henneries. He has been too active in farming and in politics to get married.

Our subject is a staunch Republican, and has been in office continuously since 1884, when he was elected a justice of the peace. He rapidly rose to prominence in the county, and in 1893 was elected by a large majority as county treasurer. Confidence was reaffirmed in him, and his administration of the office was vindicated by a re-election to the

same office in 1896 for another term of three years. He invariably represents his district in the county conventions. He has been a member of the county committee for the past ten years, serving throughout the first year as chairman, and since as secretary and treasurer. With a full realization of the trust and confidence reposed in him, and conscientious to the last degree in discharging each duty that falls to him, he merits the high esteem in which he is held throughout the county.

ABRAHAM LOOMIS. It is always a matter of interest to review the lives of early settlers, and to note from the study of their careers the progress time made in their surroundings while silvering the hair and implanting furrows of care on the forehead. The gentleman whose name occurs above was born on the old Loomis homestead, in Smithville Flats, May 2, 1844, and is a son of Roman and Christina (Smith) Loomis.

The family is descended from both the Scotch and English races, and the first family of that name to emigrate to America located in the New England States. The grandfather of our subject, Ephraim Loomis, was one of the early settlers of Connecticut, and followed the vocation of a farmer in Torrington, Litchfield County, all his life.

Roman Loomis was a native of Torrington, Conn., and was born September 4, 1800. He left the parental roof at the age of eighteen years, to make his sister, Mrs. Visa Leach, a visit. She had married a Mr. Leach,

and shortly after the marriage had moved with her husband to Smithville Flats, Chenango County, N. Y. While Mr. Loomis was making his home with his sister, he met Christina Smith, and before his return home had made her his wife. They then took up their residence in Torrington, Conn., where they remained a few years, when they moved to Smithville, N. Y., and there spent the rest of their lives. He began the tilling of the soil, and bought a small tract of land two miles north of Smithville Flats, and at his death, which occurred in 1880, he owned 189 acres of the best farming land in his section of the county. In religious views, he attached himself to the Baptist Church, and was one of the valued workers of that organization. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Loomis consisted of seven children. Lauren, deceased, the eldest, was one of the progressive farmers of Minnesota, and during an uprising of the Indians he was obliged, with his family, to flee for his very life. They rode horseback to a small town called Henderson, where Mr. Loomis died from the effects of a cold he had received in the severe rainstorm that occurred the night of the flight. The remaining members of the family of Roman Loomis were: Ephraim, a prominent farmer in Smithville Flats, and a veteran of the late war; George, also a farmer of Smithville Flats, and a veteran of the late war; Uriah, subject of this biography; Oliver, now deceased, late a progressive farmer of Austin, Minn.; and Mary, widow of the late H. Skillman, who was a prominent citizen of Smithville.

Uriah Loomis was reared on the old

homestead, and was educated in the common schools of his native town and at Cincinnatus Academy. He remained with his parents until he grew to manhood, and then went to German, this county, and purchased a farm of 218 acres, where he carried on general farming for some years. In 1886 he returned to his native town and bought a farm consisting of 223 acres of well improved land. He also owns a part of the old homestead. During the late Rebellion, when the call for troops was made, he left the farm, and September 5, 1864, he enlisted in the army, and rendered gallant service throughout the remainder of the war. He was assigned to Co. G., 185th Reg., N. Y. Vol. Inf., which regiment was given a place in the Army of the Potomac. Among the battles in which he participated were Five Forks and Gravelly Run, where he was wounded by a minie ball; he was in the act of firing his gun when the ball struck him in the left wrist, and, passing diagonally through the wrist, took off the second, third and fourth fingers of the right hand. He was sent to the City Point Hospital, where he remained a few weeks, and was then transferred to the Mount Pleasant Hospital at Washington, D. C., and there he remained four weeks. He received an honorable discharge October 26, 1865.

He was united in marriage October 22, 1884, with Emma Harrison, daughter of William Harrison, and granddaughter of Samuel Harrison. Samuel Harrison was a native of Ireland; upon coming to this country, he located in Smithville Flats, where he engaged in farming. He reared four sons



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and three daughters. William Harrison, the father of our subject's wife, was born in Ireland and came to this country with his father. He followed the vocation of a farmer all his life. He married Jane Wilson, daughter of Robert Wilson, and they reared three sons and three daughters, who were as follows: Samuel, deceased, late a farmer in Smithville Flats; Eliza, deceased; Mary; William; Emma, wife of our subject; and George, a prominent farmer in Smithville township. To Mr. and Mrs. Loomis were born two children, namely: Mary J.; and William H. Socially, Mr. Loomis is a member of the Col. Banks Post, G. A. R., of Greene; he is also a member of the Eastern Light Lodge, No. 126, F. & A. M., of Greene. He is a strong, unyielding Republican, and always active in whatever will materially assist his chosen party. He is a gentleman of intense patriotism, and loves well the land of his birth. He appreciates to the full his duties as a citizen and as a native-born American. He has attained his present prosperity in the way open to all, by hard work and persevering endeavors, and he is eminently deserving of greater good fortune. We find such men in the front ranks of every business and in every community, whose successes have been independent of assistance from others.

H. J. BORDEN. Among all the countries shipping cheese to Great Britain, America ranks first, both in quality and quantity. New York is notably first in rank as a cheese-producing

state, and the goods made in Central New York are known as the best, and are shipped extensively. H. J. Borden, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, has been largely engaged as a manufacturer of this article, and stands at the head of the trade. He is a son of W. D. and Mellissa (Phetteplace) Borden, and was born February 7, 1862, in the town of Norwich, Chenango County.

W. D. Borden, the father of our subject, was a native of Oxford, this county, where he received a common school education. He grew up a Republican. He was twice married; by his first wife, there were born to him five children, as follows: Frank P.; E. D.; W. L.; Mary Mellissa; and H. J., our subject. This family was deeply bereaved in the loss of the loving mother who was beloved by all for her many noble and endearing qualities. Mr. Borden was afterward united to Elizabeth Chapple. They had four children,—Owen; Pearl E.; Hattie A.; and Norman. Mr. Borden died while but little past his prime, being only fifty-two years old.

H. J. Borden received his first education in the district schools of the town of Norwich, and was then a student of the public schools of Milford, Nebraska, where he spent three years. Soon after leaving school in 1879, he served a three years' apprenticeship at cheese-making, and has since worked at the trade as journeyman in Madison, Orange and Chenango Counties, until March 8, 1897, when he bought the Plymouth Cheese Factory at Plymouth. He also learned the harness-making trade in his youth, and still devotes occasional spare moments to that

vocation. He has two pursuits, either of which he could turn to account to gain him a livelihood, should circumstances so require. At present he is devoting almost his entire time to the working of his factory, which has a capacity for using the milk product of 800 cows, and is now taking the milk from 600. The present output is 1200 pounds of cheese per day. Mr. Borden is now engaged in fitting his factory with extensive facilities for the manufacture of butter in connection with cheese, and his plant will soon be among the largest butter and cheese factories in the county. He employs three men in his factory. As a cheese manufacturer, Mr. Borden bears the enviable reputation, and that among his patrons, of being the best cheesemaker in the county, and ranks among the foremost of the state. He possesses numerous highly commendatory letters from his customers in New York and elsewhere as to the superior merits of his products.

Although this is his first year in operating his factory, he expects to do at least \$30,000.00 worth of business during the year. This would be a herculean task for an ordinary man, but with the push and energy that has ever characterized his actions, he is sure to succeed, as he admits of no such word as fail. Not a pound of his goods has ever been rejected in the New York markets, and he is in daily receipt of the strongest of testimonials, proving conclusively that he is the right man in the right place. In politics, he has identified himself with the Republican party, but has not been troubled with political ambitions, feeling that his time was already taken up, and has generously left the

offices to be filled by men possessing more leisure than himself.

He was united in marriage with Miss Josephine Schorn, on February, 6, 1882. She is a daughter of Joseph Schorn, a cabinet-maker of the village of Norwich. Mr. and Mrs. Borden have one son, Elmer.

Mr. Borden is an expert marksman at target practice, which pastime affords him his chief diversion. His target guns, consisting of rifles and Smith and Wesson revolvers, are of the finest make and most elaborate finish. A handsome Schuetzen rifle of No. 52 pattern, with telescope sight, and his Perry target gun, are especially worthy of mention in his collection. His best record on a 200 yard shoot, is 10 shots in 6 inches, string measure.

JAMES H. NICKERSON, who is a member of the firm of Nickerson & Church Bros., extensive shippers of milk to New York City, is also connected with many other business enterprises in the village of Afton. Upon reaching manhood he found himself poor in pocket, but rich in determination. He has traveled the long road of toil and struggle, and has overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles which have crossed his pathway. From this he has reaped a rich experience, by which the young men of the present day would do well to profit. He knows for himself that the maxims which treat of the rich reward of energy and determination are no idle words.

Our subject is a son of George B. and

Samaria (Dutton) Nickerson, and was born May 5, 1837, in the town of Afton, which was then Bainbridge. His grandfather was George B. Nickerson, Sr., who came from Hudson, N. Y., in the early part of this century and settled in the village of Oxford. He was engaged in merchandising there until the time of his death in 1850.

George B. Nickerson, the father of our subject, was the first child born to his parents, his birth occurring December 3, 1810, in the village of Hudson. At an early age he came with his father to Oxford, where he grew to manhood. In 1830, he moved to Afton, and there lived the remainder of his days. His vocation was that of a farmer, and he owned a fine farm of 150 acres. Besides engaging in general farming, he operated a large dairy and with good results. Religiously, he was an adherent to the faith of the Baptist Church. He was united in marriage with Samaria Dutton, who was born in the village of Afton, April 21, 1812, and died there September 7, 1878. As a result of their union, which occurred January 1, 1834, four children were born, namely: Cornelius, who was born February 27, 1835, and died August 28, 1875, was a farmer, speculator and large hop grower, and dealt extensively in hay, butter, etc.; James H., in whom the interest of this sketch centers; Leroy A. was born January 16, 1840, and passed into the world of rest August 27, 1840; and Sarah O., who married William Wilder of the village of Afton, was born September 20, 1842. Mr. Nickerson's useful life came to an end in 1870, when he was aged sixty-eight years.

James H. Nickerson was reared on a farm

near the village of Afton, and attended the common schools until he was sixteen years of age. He then left his parental roof and worked out until he was twenty-five years old. He then engaged in farming and hop growing with his brother, Cornelius, on a farm on Algerene Street, just two miles from the village. The farm contained 200 acres of land, and in connection with hop growing they raised all kinds of farm produce, and were extensive shippers. In 1872, he purchased the old Joseph Chamberlain farm, situated within the corporate limits of the village of Afton. It consisted of 125 acres of land, which he laid out in town lots on what are now known as High, Orchard, and South Main streets. 30 acres of this land were sold as town lots, and most of them have been built upon. He retained 65 acres of the original tract, upon which he built himself a handsome residence, in which he now lives. He cultivates the land and conducts a large dairy. In 1881, he in partnership with D. C. Church, deceased, built a large creamery, the first in the vicinity, and operated it until 1894, when it was consumed by fire. They re-built the creamery and also purchased the milk station of E. R. Wescott of New York City. The milk station is now conducted under the firm name of Nickerson & Church Bros., and they buy up all the milk in this section of the country. They are doing a large and lucrative business, which is steadily increasing.

Mr. Nickerson has been twice bound in the holy bonds of wedlock. His first wife was Mary E. Van Woert, a sister of Delos Van Woert, whose personal history also

appears in this Book of Biographies, and one child blessed their union, namely: Leon J., born September 13, 1878, who is foreman of a shipping station of Cortland, N. Y. Mrs. Nickerson was called Home May 20, 1884. June 28, 1887, our subject was united in marriage with Mrs. Mina Jones of Carbondale, Pa., who was born in Clifford township, Susquehanna County, Pa., September 28, 1851. Mr. and Mrs. Nickerson are highly esteemed in their community, and are entitled to be classed among the very first citizens. They are friends of good order and system, and are contributing their share toward the building up of the community, socially, morally, and intellectually. They are members of good standing in the Baptist Church of Afton. Our subject is a Republican in politics, and votes and works conscientiously with that party. Socially, he is a member of the A. O. U. W. Mr. Nickerson possesses great force of character, high moral principles, is a kind husband, an affectionate father, and a faithful friend.

DR. FREDERICK O. SPOONER, a much respected physician of Sherburne, and a graduate of Vermont Medical University of Burlington, Vt., was born in the town of Madison, Madison County, March 1, 1866. He is a son of Benjamin and Lavina (Powers) Spooner, and grandson of Prince Spooner.

Prince Spooner was one of Madison County's oldest settlers, and was an owner of 300 acres of highly cultivated land. He

was joined in wedlock with Miss Patterson, and as a result of this union a large family was reared: James; Andrew; Benjamin, the father of our subject; Jennett; Ruth; Lydia; and Alice. Mr. Spooner died at the age of sixty, and bequeathed each of his children an equal share in the old homestead. Mrs. Spooner passed from this life, aged about sixty years.

Benjamin Spooner, our subject's father, was born on the present farm, and at the death of his father he bought from the other heirs their shares in the estate, and immediately set to work and built an entire new set of buildings and carried on general farming until his death.

He married Lavina Powers, daughter of Ebenezer Powers of Oneida, and she is at present living on the old homestead. Four children were reared by Mr. and Mrs. Spooner: Frank, a graduate of Colgate Academy, and now a Baptist minister of Mt. Upton, N. Y.; Frederick O., M. D., our subject; Morris, a farmer, miller, and produce speculator of Madison; and Prince, who is a student. Benjamin Spooner was a member of the state militia. Politically, he was a stanch Republican, and served his fellow-citizens as assessor. Religiously, he was a member of the Baptist Church.

Frederick O. Spooner, our subject, received his primary education at the Madison Union school, and in 1887 he graduated from Colgate Academy. He studied medicine under Dr. Beebe of Hamilton, N. Y., and graduated from the Vermont Medical University of Burlington, Vt., in 1891. For the next year and a half he practiced his chosen pro-



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fession in Bouckville, Madison County, with fair success, and then he came to Sherburne village and succeeded Dr. C. W. Crumb. He lives on what was formerly known as the Ames estate, the residence on which was built by Dr. Place. This beautiful home has a fine location and is situated on Chapple Street, one of the principal streets of the village. His residence contains fine office rooms, which enable him to be prompt when called. He devotes himself to the study and practice of his chosen profession, and has built up a large and lucrative practice. Dr. Spooner is one of the most popular and successful physicians in the northern part of Chenango County. He married Ella Van Dusen, daughter of Rev. H. N. Van Dusen, a Methodist preacher of Slaterville Springs, N. Y., and as a result of this happy union one child was born to them, Ethloine M., born November 27, 1895. Mr. and Mrs. Spooner are both popular members of the Methodist Church. Politically, our subject is a stanch Republican. His professional attainments are superior, while toward each and all he manifests a kind and gentlemanly demeanor, which gives him the good will and respect of the entire community.

GEORGE H. WILLARD is associate proprietor and editor of the New Berlin Gazette, a weekly sheet, which has a wide circulation throughout the county. He is a descendant of an old and well-known New England family, and was born April 17, 1866, in Oriskany Falls, Oneida County,

being a son of E. Jay and Frances (Ballard) Willard.

The ancestry of this family is traced back to one, Major Simon Willard, who was architect of the Bunker Hill Monument. The great-grandfather of our subject was Josiah Willard, who left his New England home at an early day and located in Oneida County, N. Y., where he was one of the pioneer settlers in the region of Oriskany Falls. He spent the remainder of his life there. His son James M. Willard, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Oneida County, where he became prominent, both in mercantile circles and in politics, being an unswerving supporter of the Democratic party. He was joined in Hymeneal bonds with Miss Angeline Hubbard, and they reared a family of five children, the oldest of whom was E. Jay, the father of our subject.

E. Jay Willard was also born in Oriskany Falls, Oneida County, and was educated in the public schools of that town. He obtained a good business education and learned the trade of a carpenter. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Frances Ballard, a daughter of Clesson M. Ballard, and they were the parents of two children: Edward C., a printer in the employ of the New Berlin Gazette; and George H., in whom the interest of this sketch centers. In religious belief, they were adherents to the faith of the Presbyterians. Mrs. Willard's second marriage was to Milo C. Barker, of Oriskany Falls, and they are the parents of one daughter, Mabel A., who is in attendance at school, at Bridge-water, Oneida County, where they now reside.

George H. Willard received his intellectual training in the common schools of his native town and in Brookfield, Madison County, N. Y., where he graduated from the academy, in 1883. He then taught school for several terms, after which he worked on a paper edited by F. E. Munger in Richfield Springs, and also represented the New York Journal, the New York Graphic, and the Utica Daily Observer. After a period of three years' time, he located at Waterville, Oneida County, where he was connected with the Waterville Times for two years. He then went to West Winfield, Herkimer County, and after remaining there one year, went to Oneida, where he was city editor on the Oneida Union, a semi-weekly sheet, and the only Democratic organ in the county. In the summer of 1890, he returned to Richfield Springs, where he was editor of the Richfield Daily and a "special" on the New York World until the following August, when he came to New Berlin. He remained here one year, and then went to Norwich, where he was at first engaged as foreman on the Morning Sun and county representative of the United Press, and later as city editor on that paper. He remained in that village until 1893, when he moved to Ilion, N. Y. and became foreman of the Citizen Publishing Co., which position he held for some years. In July, 1895, when he came to New Berlin, he purchased a half interest in the New Berlin Gazette, and has since conducted that paper in connection with Joseph K. Fox, a record of whose life is also given in this Book of Biographies. Our subject's many years of experience in his field of business have well

qualified him for the duties of his present office, and much of the success of the paper is due to his untiring and conscientious work.

Mr. Willard married Lily M. Lottridge, a daughter of Henry L. and Betsy (Fenton) Lottridge of New Berlin, the nuptial knot being tied December 23, 1893. This happy union was blessed by the birth of two sons, namely: Henry M., and Ray F. In political belief, Mr. Willard is a Democrat and has been a member of the county committee. Socially, he is a Mason and belongs to the West Winfield Lodge, No. 581, F. & A. M.; and is also a member of the Improved Order of Red Men of Norwich. His portrait is shown on another page.

WILLIAM BREESE, the subject of this sketch, is a citizen of the village of Norwich, N. Y., and has been for a number of years past engaged in the furniture and undertaking business, conducting the most extensive business in that line in Chenango County. His connection with the business dates from January 28, 1876, when he purchased the furniture business of Close & Rathbun. Early in life he saw much of politics, both in town, county and state. He was born in West Burlington, N. Y., March 30, 1842, and is a son of Lewis Alanson and Sobrina Electa Breese, who were married at West Burlington, N. Y., May 17, 1832.

Aaron Breese, his paternal grandfather, and Mary M. Bissell, paternal grandmother, were married about the year 1803. Aaron

Breese was born in Loudoun County, Va., March 26, 1781, and died at Westford, N. Y., May 9, 1852, aged seventy-one years. Mary M. Bissell was born at Litchfield, Conn., Nov. 23, 1790, and died at Westford, N. Y., February 25, 1860, at the age of sixty-nine years.

Lewis A. Breese, the father of our subject, was born at Laurens, N. Y., July 3, 1809, and died at Garrattsville, N. Y., May 2, 1893, aged eighty-four years. He learned the trade of a blacksmith at Burlington Flats, which he followed for a number of years. Later he kept a hotel, and was postmaster at West Burlington for a period of about twenty-five years, being a Republican in politics. He was formerly a member of the old state militia. Sobrina Electa Breese, the mother of our subject, was born at Butternuts, N. Y., May 5, 1814, and was a daughter of William Laverty, and his wife, who was Electa Wheaton. The following were the children of Lewis A. and Sobrina E. Breese; Nelson W., born June 10, 1833, and died May 17, 1835; Lewis Henry, born June 9, 1835, married Helen A. Chapin, July 2, 1861; Lucy Electa, born December 16, 1837, was united in marriage to Isaac C. Chapin, October 6, 1858; William, whose name heads this biographical sketch; and Emma Sobrina, born February 6, 1846, who was wedded to Dorr J. Webster, December 16, 1867.

From fourteen years of age until he attained his manhood, William Breese worked in the hotel and post office for his father, with limited advantages for an education in the common school. July 8, 1863, soon after he became of age, he was called to

a temporary clerkship in the provost marshal's office for the Nineteenth Congressional District of New York, comprising the counties of Chenango, Delaware, and Otsego, which had just been established with headquarters at Unadilla, N. Y. Subsequently on August 11, 1863, the headquarters were moved to Norwich, N. Y. His services were so satisfactory to the board of enrollment that in September, 1863, he was appointed chief clerk of the board of enrollment, and deputy provost marshal; in that capacity, he had full charge and direction of the provost marshal's office which at one time employed about thirty clerks, and Capt. Charles P. Root's Company of state militia as a guard, which was later relieved by a guard from the U. S. Invalid Corps. The draft was conducted under his supervision and direction, and thousands of volunteers were enlisted and sent forward to the army. His duties continued until the provost marshal's offices throughout the state were discontinued, when he was ordered to take the records of the office and report to Capt. S. H. H. Parsons, provost marshal at Albany, N. Y., where he put them in proper shape and turned them over to acting assistant Adjt.-Gen. Frederick Townsend of the U. S. Army for transmission to the War Department at Washington, after which he received the appointment of deputy clerk in the New York State Assembly. As such he served in the Assembly in the sessions of 1866-67-68 and 69. In the fall of 1868, he was assistant secretary of the Republican State Committee, and was the secretary of the New York State delegation in the Chicago Convention,

that nominated Gen. U. S. Grant for the Presidency of the United States for the first time. He was also assistant secretary of the Constitutional Convention of the State of New York during its sessions in 1868 and 1869. During the summer of 1868, he was also employed to compile and superintend the publication of a digest of all the petitions and papers presented to the committee on claims in the Assembly up to that date, a work which required much labor and care in arranging and classifying.

After 1869, our subject was connected with the office of Judge David L. Follett for nine years, and then embarked in the furniture business. In September, 1888, he added the undertaking establishment, and has built up what is undoubtedly the largest business of the kind in Chenango County. Mr. Breese is very public-spirited, and has benefited the village in more ways than one. He was president of the village of Norwich in 1877-78-79 and 80. In 1878 he erected what was then known as the Breese Opera House, the best that this section of the state could boast at the time. He is now and has been at various times a member of the village board of health; in 1874, he raised by popular subscription of citizens over \$1,500.00, which he expended in improving the village park, that being the first work done toward converting it from a mudhole into a thing of beauty. He curbed, graded, planted trees, and completed the East Park, and after commencing the west side, the Ladies' Village Improvement Association sprang into existence, took this work in hand and completed it.

On September 10, 1868, Mr. Breese was

united in the bonds of matrimony with Miss E. Augusta Hale, daughter of Nelson B. Hale. Mr. Hale was born in Norwich, December 25, 1806, and died January 16, 1877. He was a prominent business man of the village, and at the time of his decease, he was vice-president of the National Bank of Norwich. He wedded Miss Mary W. Pratt, who was born February 16, 1817, and died September 16, 1892. Their children numbered five, as follows: Charles N.; Samuel S.; Eddie P.; Julia F.; and E. Augusta.

Two children compose the family of Mr. and Mrs. Breese, namely: Anna A., born July 17, 1871, who is the wife of Byron H. Delevan of Norwich; and Harriet D., who was born April 15, 1874. Mr. Breese is a Mason of high standing, having attained the Thirty-third and last degree A. A. S. R. M. in the Sovereign Grand Consistory of the United States, its Territories and Dependencies. He is also a member of the following Masonic Bodies: Norwich Lodge, No. 302, F. & A. M.; Norwich Commandery, No. 46, Knight Templars; Chenango Consistory, No. 31, A. A. S. R. M.; and Ziyara Temple, A. A. O. Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Oasis of Utica. The other orders to which he belongs are Canasawacta Lodge, No. 205, I. O. O. F.; Chenango Encampment, No. 51, I. O. O. F.; Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of New York; Lily of the Valley Lodge, No. 95, Degree of Rebekah; Norwich Lodge, No. 61, Ancient Order of United Workmen; Canasawacta Tribe, No. 205, Improved Order of Red Men; Tree Lula Council, No. 69, Degree of Pocahantas; Branch 44, Iron Hall of Baltimore City; Norwich Tent, No.

366, Knights of the Maccabees; National Protective Legion, No. 78; Mystic Encampment, No. 50; Knights of St. John and Malta, and various other organizations.

Mr. Breese has filled an honorable place in the business life of Norwich; he is a great lover of home and family, always standing by his friends, and has ever thrown his influence on the side of morality and right living. As may be inferred from the foregoing, he has shown himself a friend to all the different fraternal orders, having been both a Mason and an Odd Fellow since he was twenty-one years of age. At the same time he has never considered it necessary to neglect his business, or any of his private affairs, in order to remain a conscientious member of the several orders to which he has belonged; that being in his estimation, not only an injustice to one's family, but a crime against morality and the good of the order.

HENRY S. GUY, a much respected farmer and a native of Chenango County, is a highly esteemed resident of the town of Guilford. He has a farm consisting of 66 acres of finely improved land, and as a man and citizen is richly endowed with those characteristics which render our population of so much value in this land of thrift and progress. He is a son of Hammon and Mary Elizabeth (Sheldon) Guy, and was born in the town of Guilford, July 21, 1860.

William Guy, the colonist and founder of the family in America, was a native of London, England; leaving his native country he

landed in America, January 2, 1734. Timothy Guy, grandfather of our subject, was one of the early pioneers to settle in Chenango County, locating on what is now known as Root's Corner in the town of Guilford. There he followed the occupation of an agriculturist the remainder of his life. He was connected with the Baptist Church, to the support of which he contributed of his means cheerfully and generously. He married a Miss Phelps. The household circle included eight children—six sons and two daughters, who were carefully trained in those principles of honesty and morality for which the family was especially noted. They were as follows: George, justice of the peace and a public-spirited man of Mendota, Ill.; Joel, a well-to-do farmer of Afton, Chenango County; Dr. Ezekiel, a leading physician of Harpersville, Broome County; Albert, a minister of the Baptist Church of Hartford, Conn.; Hammon, father of our subject; Dr. Timothy, deceased, who was a physician of Binghamton, N. Y.; Eliza, deceased, was the wife of Charles Stoddard of Rock Island, Ill.; and Susan, wife of Philetus Yale, a prominent citizen of Utica, N. Y.


Hammon Guy was born in the town of Guilford, September 24, 1818. He was reared on the farm and received his education in the district schools. As an occupation he chose the pursuits of an agriculturist, and labored upon the old homestead at Root's Corner for a number of years. He then moved to Broome County and located in Colesville, where he farmed until 1882, when he moved to Binghamton, where he lived practically in retirement until the time of his

death. Religiously, he was a devoted member of the Baptist Church. In politics he was an ardent Republican, and invariably voted to uphold the principles of the party. He was twice married; to his first wife Elizabeth Sheldon, three sons were reared,—George H., a hotel clerk in the city of Albany; Henry S., subject of this personal history; and John R., who passed from this life at the age of twenty-four years. Mrs. Guy died July 24, 1873, aged forty-four years. She was a true Christian and a member of the Baptist Church. His second wife's maiden name was Amelia Hoyt, and her native place was Binghamton.

Henry S. Guy remained with his parents during his earlier years, attending the common schools and Windsor Academy, and assisting in the lighter labors of the farm. In 1888, he bought his present home, the plot then consisting of 41 acres of good farm land. He has since increased his farm to 66 acres, which is now well improved and in a fine state of cultivation. He is a member of the local Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry, in which he takes an active interest. He is identified with the Episcopal Church, of which he is a vestryman. Mr. Guy prides himself, politically, upon being identified with the Republicans, and takes an active interest in all measures tending toward the public good.

November 7, 1888, our subject married Carrie M. Moore, daughter of Artemus Cooper Darling of Deposit, Broome County, N. Y. Artemus Cooper Darling was born March 10, 1820, and spent the most of his life in following the painter's trade. In religious

views he was a member of the Methodist Church. He married Nancy E. Hunt, daughter of Dexter Hunt, who was formerly a farmer of Rhode Island, but now of Norwich, this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Darling were born nine children—seven daughters and two sons, namely: Mary D., wife of Edward Cheney of Norwich; Mercy Estella, deceased, at the age of twenty-six years; Nettie, deceased; Luna Ann, widow of the late Zalmon Lamphere of Oxford; Carrie M., wife of our subject; R. Ervin, a successful farmer of Grand Junction, Col.; Dexter H., a jeweler of Guilford; Hattie S., wife of William Johnson, a farmer of Nineveh, Broome County; and G. Eliza, who married Frank R. Hall, a prominent farmer of Cortland, N. Y. Mrs. Guy's first husband was George L. Moore, son of John and Mary Ann (Dodge) Moore. He was a native of Greene, and after attaining his majority he moved to Oxford, where he engaged in farming.

MICHAEL FINIGAN, the popular roadmaster of the Northern Division of the O. & W. R. R., is a son of Jeremiah and Mary (Guinane) Finigan, and was born March 12, 1859, in Madison, Wisconsin.

Jeremiah Finigan is a native of Ireland, and emigrated to this country in 1845, settling in Rochester, N. Y., where he followed farming for a short time, until he moved to the State of Wisconsin, where he farmed until 1861; then he returned to New York State and settled in the town of Butternuts, Otsego



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County. He farmed there until 1864, when he moved to Chenango County and settled in the town of Preston, where he farmed for a short time, and finally took up his residence in the village of Preston, retired from active life. Politically, he is a stanch Democrat. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church. He married Miss Mary Guinane, and they reared a family of six children: Mary, the wife of Robert Brock; Sarah, who married Timothy Regan of Newark, N. J.; Emma, the wife of Michael Quinn, and a resident of Middleton; Lovina, who married Joseph Crawford; Katherine; and Michael, the subject of this personal history. Mrs. Finigan died in 1887.

Michael Finigan received his education in the public schools and then worked as a laborer on the O. & W. R. R. from 1876 until 1882, when he was made roadmaster of the Northern Division, which position he still holds to the entire satisfaction of the company. In politics Mr. Finigan is an avowed Democrat, and has contributed much to his party's success. He has been a delegate to county and state conventions, and has been a member of the town committee. He is an active member of the Roman Catholic Church of Norwich. Since Mr. Finigan has been in the employ of the railroad, he has won the confidence of the railroad boys, and is a kind and true man to work under.

RANSOM M. HERRICK, who is engaged in agricultural pursuits, resides on a farm of 107 acres, in the town of Bainbridge. He is a son of

Henry, Jr., and Diana (Burlison) Herrick, and was born on the farm upon which he now lives, September 27, 1853.

The great-grandfather of our subject was born March 13, 1773, and was a pioneer of Dutchess County. His son, Henry Herrick, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of that county, but at an early age came to Chenango County. He brought his family, and came by means of ox carts, and on the way encountered many hardships, as the journey was considered a very long one in those days. It is almost an impossibility for the imagination to picture the difficulties with which they contended. At that time the roads were few, and at the best permitted only very slow progress, a distance of from five to ten miles per day being averaged. It was also a very dangerous journey, and a sharp lookout was kept for unfriendly Indians or wild animals prowling about at night. The pioneers subsisted mainly on wild game, which was to be found in abundance in the forests. Henry Herrick cleared up a tract of land, upon which he built a small house, and during the rest of his life was engaged in clearing and cultivating the farm. He died December 28, 1865, at the advanced age of ninety years. He was united in marriage with Elizabeth Pearsall, and she proved a worthy companion to this hardy old pioneer. She was born in 1774, and passed into the unknown beyond October 23, 1856. They were the parents of the following children: Nancy, who was born October 28, 1795; Samuel, February 20, 1798; Hughey, June 20, 1800; Polly, March 23, 1803; Phæbe, October 13, 1805; Joseph,

February 5, 1808; Elizabeth, October 10, 1810; Matilda, December 19, 1812; and Henry, Jr., the father of our subject.

Henry Herrick, Jr., was born on the homestead, at West Bainbridge, October 11, 1814, and lived there until his marriage, at the age of twenty-seven years. He soon after purchased a small farm, and from time to time, as his means justified, he added to it, until he owned 107 acres, and the farm upon which our subject now lives. He was one of the prosperous and progressive farmers of West Bainbridge, where he spent the remainder of his life. Although he had received only a common schooling, he was of more than ordinary intelligence, and was well read on all current topics and subjects of interest to the people of that day. Politically, he was an unswerving supporter of the Republican party, and exerted his entire influence in behalf of that organization. In religious belief he was a Methodist, and generously supported that church. He was united in marriage with Diana Burlison, a daughter of Azar Burlison, who was a native of Massachusetts, and an early settler in the town of Guilford. As a result of this union, five children were born, namely: Lucetta; Luretta; Nancy F.; Ransom M., our subject; and Hiram W. Hiram W. Herrick, deceased, married Della F. Francisco, and resided at Sidney, Delaware County. He graduated from the Eastman Business College in 1878, after which he accepted a position as clerk in the First National Bank of Bainbridge. He was later called to assume the duties of cashier of the First National Bank of Sidney, which position he held

until the time of his death. Our subject's father died February 26, 1881, after passing a long and useful life.

Ransom M. Herrick was reared on the old homestead farm, and received his mental training in the district schools. It was but natural that he should follow in the footsteps of his forefathers, and engage in that ancient and truly most honorable of callings, farming. He remained on the farm with his father for some time, and inherited it upon his father's death. He is a man of shrewd business ability, and recognizes the advantage of farming by improved methods and using the best of machinery. The estate is well supplied with all conveniences in the way of out-buildings, and everything about the place has an air of prosperity and successful management.

March 4, 1885, Mr. Herrick was united in the holy bonds of matrimony with Miss Emma E. Pearsall, a daughter of William Pearsall of Bainbridge, by whom he has five children: Saphronia D., born May 21, 1887; Clyde H., September 16, 1889; Ray A., June 11, 1891; Lee Ervin, September 17, 1894; and Ralph W., September 24, 1896. Politically, our subject is an active Republican. In religious belief he is a Methodist, and is active in the support of the local organization. He has performed all the labors of a dutiful citizen, and is respected and esteemed by a large number of friends.

It gives us pleasure to present on preceding pages, in connection with this biographical notice, portraits of both Ransom M. Herrick, our subject, and Hiram W., his brother, now deceased.

MRS. ANN CHAPMAN, a respected lady of the town of Smyrna, widow of the late Smith S. Chapman, is a daughter of Leman H. Talcot. The Talcot family was among the first families to settle in the town of Smyrna.

Leman H. Talcot was born on the farm owned by our subject, and was a son of Joshua and Sarrissa (Taylor) Talcot. Joshua Talcot was born in Stonington, Conn., and was one of Connecticut's oldest citizens. In 1799 he married Miss Sarrissa Taylor of Springfield, Mass., and came to the town of Smyrna, this county, and bought the farm of Joseph Porter, now owned by our subject. He was a son of Joshua and Jemima Talcot, grandson of Joshua and Rachel (Hollister) Talcot, and great-grandson of John Talcot. The latter was a native of England, having been born at Braintree. He married Dorothy Mott, who was also a native of England, and in 1632 emigrated to the United States and settled in Boston, Mass. He made a speech on November 6 of the same year, and was chosen a representative to the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, in 1634. He moved to Cambridge, Mass., and later to Hartford, Conn., where he was one of the chief magistrates of the colony. He died in 1660. Among his sons were Joshua Talcott, who married Rachel Hollister, and settled in Bolton, Conn. To them were born ten children, of whom one was a son called Joshua, Jr., who was baptized January 4, 1750. Jemima, the wife of Joshua Talcot, Jr., bore him the following children: Joshua, born in 1776; Tirzah; Jemima; Harvey; and Mary. His wife died, and

after his next marriage he moved to Sherburne, and cleared the Hubbard farm, later known as the Gardner farm. Joshua helped organize the Congregational Society at West Hill. There his wife died, at the age of forty-nine years. His son, Joshua Talcot, married Sarrissa Taylor. He bought the present farm of our subject, which at that time possessed little or no improvements. There stood a log house on this farm at the time of its purchase, the property then being mainly timber land.

Joshua Talcot, the grandfather of our subject, was the first settler of the town of Sherburne, and at the time of his death he was buried on the present farm of Mrs. Chapman. Mr. Talcot's log house stood near the center of 200 acres of timber, and the only way out of this wilderness to civilization was by "blazed" trees. After the road had been laid out he built a log house, nearer the edge of the timber and along the road. Mr. Talcot being a public-spirited man, he allowed his brother settlers to hold court in the rooms of his house, and on the second floor were held the meetings of the Masonic lodge, the only means of access being a ladder from the outside. As the years went by he cleared his farm, set out an orchard and built the house, which is still standing. In 1867 he died, at the age of ninety-three years, the cause of his death being a broken hip, which refused to knit. Mr. Talcot was a very active man in his last days, and could stand on the ground and mount his favorite riding horse. In 1870 his wife died, at the advanced age of ninety-six years. When the town of Smyrna was set off from Sher-

burne, he was elected commissioner of highways of Smyrna, and in 1824 he was supervisor. Joshua and Sarrissa (Taylor) Talcot had a very large family of children, namely: Sally; Julius and Julia, both of whom died in their infancy; Joshua, who died at the age of twenty-one years; Julia; Leman H., the father of our subject; Sally Ann; Sarrissa; Olive; and Henry. It is said in an obituary, "He was one of the best citizens of Smyrna, unswerving, honest, and full of integrity in all his dealings." He gave the ground on which to build the Friends' Church and lay out the burying ground; he always respected their views, although he was a member of another religious society, the Congregational Church. Leman H. Talcot, the father of Mrs. Chapman, was born in 1810, and was married to Sally Ann Spencer, daughter of Obadiah Spencer. She died at the age of twenty-two years, leaving an only child, our subject, to be cared and reared by her grandfather, Joshua Talcot. Leman H. Talcot married for his second wife Aurora Holcomb. He had charge of the old homestead, and made many improvements, building a large, commodious and handsome house, and a large barn. He was railroad commissioner at the time of the building of the O. & W. R. R, which runs through Smyrna. Outside of his farming, he dealt extensively in live stock, driving large herds of cattle to Albany, N. Y., before the advent of the railroads. He died at the age of eighty-five years. He was an active member of the Masonic fraternity, and took part in the advancement of the Knight Templars organization of Norwich. Mr.

Leman H. Talcot was an honor to his chosen occupation, a live, thorough going business man, of the class who succeed.

Our subject, Mrs. Ann Chapman, was her parents' only child. She married Smith S. Chapman, who was born in the town of Plymouth, this county, a son of Simon Chapman. Smith S. Chapman early in life followed the occupation of a farmer, and later, in association with Mr. Turner, he went to Norwich, N. Y., and bought a large interest in the firm of Foote & Clark, and under the firm name of Chapman, Foote & Turner, carried on a large dry goods store. After six years of mercantile life he followed commercial life for some time. Later he moved to Earlville, where his health failed him, and he died in 1890, at the age of fifty-three years. His death was mourned by his wife and son and a large circle of friends. Mr. Chapman was successful in all his undertakings, was a man of great energy, and commanded the respect of all who knew him. Will Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman's only son, was joined in wedlock with Mary Wilcox, and they have full charge of the farm. The citizens of Smyrna are proud to have Mrs. Chapman return to her former home, and keep up the old homestead, where, through the efforts of her forefathers and the present generation, the land has been made to blossom and bring forth the fruits of civilization and prosperity; and while history may bear the names of the pioneer settlers down to posterity, their early struggles with untamed nature and its final subjugation through their labors and the results thereof, erect a lasting monument to their



JOSEPH E. PACKARD.

memories. The surface is beautiful, and was formerly covered with heavy timber; but time, the fertility of the soil, and necessity of man have transformed nearly all the county into rich farms. The soil is rich and productive, and the improvements are among the best in the northern part of the county; the farm is close to the village of Smyrna. Mr. Chapman, in his lifetime, was a most active and zealous member of the Episcopal Church, and devoted much time and means to enhance its well being. Mrs. Chapman, who is also an Episcopalian, is a woman of many virtues, excellent qualities, and is beloved by all.

JOSEPH E. PACKARD is a private banker of Oxford, N. Y., and commands the confidence and respect of all with whom he has had dealings. He was born in Bainbridge, this state, December 12, 1853, and is a son of Peter M. and Sarah J. (Wiley) Packard, and a grandson of Ansel S. Packard, who was a tool maker of Massachusetts and later of New York, where he became widely known through the celebrated Packard axe, of which he was the manufacturer. Ansel S. Packard was a Democrat, and a good and true man. He was the father of seven children, as follows: Cornelia, deceased; Annie, who married D. L. Scott, a lieutenant in the late war, by whom she had one child, Julian; Almira, now deceased, the wife of Eli Stockwell of Hammonton, N. J.; Mary married Porter R. Putnam, a prominent man in California, and founder of

Porterville, that state, and bore him two sons, William R. and Frank L.; Steven S. is a prominent dry goods merchant of Covington, Pa., and married Mary Wilson of that place, by whom he had two children, Cornelia and Fred L., the latter a promising young real estate dealer of Oakland, Cal.; and Peter M., the father of our subject. In religious views the members of this family were Presbyterians, and were consistent Christian people.

Peter M. Packard was born December 3, 1820, and received his schooling in the common schools. After leaving school he learned the trade of a blacksmith, which he followed until he became connected with Ethan Clarke, who at that time was the owner of a line of stage through the Chenango Valley. Mr. Packard then for a time engaged in the hotel business in Bainbridge and later associated himself with Jarvis and Truesdall, conducting a stage line through the Susquehanna Valley; he finally purchased the entire business. He owned 100 horses and a large number of coaches, and at one time was a very prosperous man, doing an extensive business. He continued in this business until the present railroad system was built, when his occupation was rendered useless, and he turned his attention to the pursuits of agriculture. He also owned and operated a hotel in Allegheny County, Pa. He was united in marriage with Sarah J. Wiley, whose father was a native of Brownsville, N. Y., and a very prominent Mason, having taken the highest degree in the order. Mr. and Mrs. Packard were the parents of five children, of whom four grew to adult years;

the record is as follows: Albert, born July 5, 1847, and died August 5, 1862; Peter N., who married Libbie S. Wittes of Wellsville, N. Y., and has one son, Albert T.; Joseph E.; Isabel, who married A. B. Strong of Westfield, Pa., and is the mother of one child, Chapman P.; Fannie L., the youngest of the family, who married G. H. Simmons of Westfield, Pa. Mrs. Packard was an adherent of the Episcopal Church, while Mr. Packard was inclined to be more liberal in his religion.

Joseph E. Packard was an attendant of the Bainbridge schools when a child, and afterward entered the graded schools of Sidney, remaining there until he was fourteen, when he went to Mansfield, Pa., and attended the schools of that place one year. He was then fifteen years old when he secured a position as clerk with F. G. Clarke, with whom he remained five years. He then became bookkeeper in the National Bank of Oxford, staying there five years more and becoming familiar with the routine of bank work, and proving very proficient in the service required of him. At the expiration of this time, Dr. N. G. Sands, a prominent physician of Oxford, and one of the wealthiest men in the county, engaged his services as assistant in the care of his estate. He has been superintendent of this estate since Dr. Sands' death, and is a most energetic and persevering worker, adding greatly to its improvement. In all these years, having been able to accumulate quite a snug fortune, Mr. Packard engaged in the banking business as the best means of investing his means. He has met with merited suc-

cess, and his honorable, upright dealings in all transactions have won him a high place in the regard of the entire community.

January 17, 1882, he was joined in wedlock with Miss Catherine A. Sands, a daughter of Dr. Sands, and by this union became the father of five children, three of whom are still living: Edith S., born May 28, 1885; Henry, deceased, born September 26, 1886; William G., born October 13, 1889; Catherine O., born September 19, 1890; and a child that died in infancy. Mrs. Packard died October 7, 1890, and four years later Mr. Packard formed a second matrimonial alliance with Sophia S. Bixby, a most estimable lady of Norwich. Mr. and Mrs. Packard are members of the Episcopal Church, and give valuable aid to that organization. He is a Democrat, and takes great interest in the success of the party, but has never cared to enter the list of office seekers, preferring to leave that field to those whose ambitions lie in that direction.

The portrait of Mr. Packard, appearing on another page, adds a decided interest to the foregoing record.

DANIEL JOHNSON, Trestle P. O., a prominent dairyman and stock raiser of Chenango County, Guilford township, is a son of Seth and Jerusha (Root) Johnson, and was born April 21, 1833, on the old homestead, where he still resides.

The Johnsons are of English origin. The great-great-grandfather of our subject was a sailor, whose home was in Long Island. He

was probably of English birth. Daniel Johnson, his son and great-grandfather of our subject, moved from Long Island to Connecticut, where he continued to reside until his death, working at his trade, which was that of a weaver. Sometime in the latter part of the eighteenth century one of his sons, Joel, located in the wilds of New York, in what is now the town of Guilford. In the year 1799, his brother Daniel, grandfather of our subject, made him a visit. With the wonderful foresight that he ever exhibited in business, he saw the great possibilities of this uncultivated country, and decided to locate here. To this end he purchased a tract of land containing 160 acres, immediately joining his brother Joel's property, on which he built a log house. He then returned to Connecticut, and the following winter moved his family to this new home. Moving in those days meant slow travel by ox-team, when it took many days to cover but a short distance, and when many hardships were necessarily endured. He lived on this farm forty years until his death, which occurred at the advanced age of eighty years. He was buried in the old cemetery near his home. He was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, enlisting for a short period, which he served, after which he re-enlisted, in all serving through six campaigns. He and his wife, whose maiden name was Mary Norton, were both bound out in their childhood, as their parents were poor people. At the expiration of his indenture, he received a yoke of three year old oxen, and she received beds and bedding. With this humble beginning they made their start, and by their frugality and

pluck they succeeded in accumulating a comfortable property and were well-to-do farmers, highly honored and respected in the community in which they lived. For a number of years he was justice of the peace and poormaster of the town of Guilford. They were the parents of seven children, one daughter dying in infancy; four sons and two daughters reached maturity. Of these the oldest, Hiram Johnson, was born in Connecticut, and came when fourteen years of age to Guilford, where he engaged in farming. He lived to be ninety years old. Alpheus Johnson, a farmer of Guilford, now deceased, married a sister-in-law of the late Daniel S. Dickinson of Binghamton. Seth Johnson, the father of our subject, was next in order of birth. Joel Johnson was a minister of the Baptist Church, and was for many years a missionary in Georgia. It was hardly safe to speak your thoughts there during the late Rebellion, as Mr. Johnson found. They threatened to hang him for expressing his opinion as to the result of the war. When his friends advised him to get away he told them that to be successful in hanging him, it would be very necessary for him to be there, and therefore he respectfully declined to leave. When they found that he meant nothing worse to the cause than a timely warning, they molested him no further, and he lived among his southern friends until he reached his seventieth year, when he was called to his reward. Samantha Johnson married Ethan Pier and moved to Pennsylvania, where she died. Louisa Johnson married Lyman Bradley, late farmer and shoemaker of Guilford. Mary Johnson was

married to Ithuel Blake, farmer of Coventry, Chenango County, now deceased.

Seth Johnson, the father of Daniel, was born on the old homestead, in Guilford, October 4, 1802, and died there in July, 1866. His death was caused by a ruptured blood vessel in the brain, said to have been caused by overwork. He was an industrious and successful farmer, as was attested by his farm, which consisted at his death of 360 broad acres. This land was under a high state of cultivation, well improved and stocked. He was a member of the First Congregational Church of Guilford, of which his parents had been two of the twelve charter members. He was united in marriage with Miss Jerusha Root. They were the parents of the following children: Hiram T., who went to the State of Oregon, where he died in 1853; Lucia, wife of Thomas Fleming, a farmer of Schuyler County, N. Y.; Daniel; Charles, a shoe merchant of Pueblo, New Mexico; Ellen died in young girlhood; Robert, who enlisted in the 89th Reg. N. Y. Vol. Inf., was discharged after a short service on account of disability—he returned home to recuperate, and when better again enlisted in the 20th Reg. N. Y. Vol. Cav., but his disability again returned, and he died at the Soldier's Lodge, at Portsmouth, Va., November 18, 1864; Esther, the widow of A. O. Shepherd, late of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Sarah, widow of late John H. Brower of Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Seth Johnson's father, Ebenezer Root, was a native of Great Barrington, Mass. He left home at an early day, coming with his family to Oxford, where he located on a farm. He was a natural mechanic, and

brought with him several different kinds of tools, which proved of great value to him in the new country, where tools were necessarily scarce. His principal occupation was farming, but he also dealt extensively in live stock, which he drove to New York City. He was but a boy of eighteen years when he enlisted as a soldier of the Revolution. He was twice married; his first wife was Miss Jerusha Dogister of Mass. After her death he was united in marriage with Miss Cynthia Whipple of Bainbridge, N. Y. He was the father of sixteen children, eight by each wife. One of his daughters, Mrs. Young, is still living; she is an intelligent, well informed lady, and held in high esteem by her acquaintances. She makes her home with Daniel Johnson, the subject of this biography. She has one sister living, Charlotte Godfrey, aged ninety-three; and a brother, Silas Root, aged eighty-one.

Daniel Johnson received his education in the district schools, and later attended the academy at Binghamton for one term. He taught district school four terms, but had been brought up on a farm, and was convinced that farming was more to his taste than teaching. He then engaged in farming on the homestead of his fathers; and there he found the training he had received as a boy of much value to him. His farm contains 200 acres of good land, and is well adapted to the uses to which he puts it. He makes a specialty of dairy and stock farming. His dairy consists of 25 cows, and he raises a number of cattle and horses. Mr. Johnson is a member of the A. O. U. W. and the Grange. He was for forty years a deacon of the Con-

gregational Church of Guilford Center, of which he is a member. Politically, he is an independent Republican. October 3, 1855, he was married to Miss Mary A. Hale, daughter of the late Ebenezer Hale of Cayuga County, N. Y. This marriage was blessed with five children: Ellen M., wife of William C. Stubbs, a veteran of the late war; Alice, deceased, wife of Fred Conklin of Deposit, N. Y.; Charles H., a quarry man of Oxford; F. May, wife of Willis Hyer of Mt. Upton, where Mr. Hyer farms; and Louisa, who married Walter Palmer of Masonville (Del. Co.), N. Y. After the death of the first Mrs. Johnson, our subject was united to Mrs. Mary Jane (Young) Hastings, a daughter of John Young of Guilford Center, a farmer and blacksmith, and the widow of William Hastings, a farmer and liveryman, late of Unadilla, N. Y. This wedding occurred October 13, 1888. They have no children.

THE OXFORD TIMES. The history of Chenango County would be incomplete without reference to one of its oldest and best newspapers and its conductors.

The Oxford Times was founded in 1836 by a joint stock company. In 1841 it passed into the hands of Purdy & Brigham, both of whom gained some prominence in public affairs after leaving Oxford. They transferred the paper to Waldo M. Potter, in 1844, who, after conducting it alone for a year, sold an interest to Judson B. Galpin, who was then residing in Greene, and who

had conducted a general mercantile business with his brother-in-law, Elisha N. Hawley. Potter & Galpin conducted The Times for four years, or until 1848, when Mr. Galpin assumed the entire management and control, and retained it up to the time of his death, in February, 1893, a period of forty-five years' continuous service.

Waldo M. Potter removed from Oxford to Saratoga, N. Y., where he conducted The Saratogian, first as a weekly, then with a daily edition, for a number of years. He became prominent in Republican politics, and was postmaster of Saratoga at one time. In the later years of his life, he was a resident of North Dakota, and edited a paper and held a prominent state office. He died there.

Judson B. Galpin was born in Washington County, Conn., May 15, 1816. At the age of seventeen years he entered the office of the New Haven (Conn.) Palladium, as an apprentice, and after a faithful service, he, in January, 1838, became one of the publishers of that paper, in partnership with James F. Babcock, a leading man of his time. Mr. Galpin sold his interest in the paper in 1839, but remained in the office until May, 1841. During his residence in New Haven, he married, May 16, 1841, Catherine Jane Brownson of Middlebury, Conn., who at this date (1898) survives him, together with four children: Theodore B.; Henry J.; Florrie G. (Walker); and Jennie H. (Starkweather), the last named residing in Hartford, Conn.

On assuming control of The Times, and during the long years of Mr. Galpin's man-

agement, he was constantly at the helm, and gave close attention to all details connected with the work up to within a few months of his death, when disease compelled him to lay down the pen and his stick and rule. The Times never failed to be issued on the day set for publication, and was hardly ever behind the usual hour. During his active management he was never absent from his post but twice on publication day. That he was faithful to his trusts, true to his friends, and conducted The Times for the best interests of the town and its welfare, the readers of the paper are his judges, and the files of the paper his monument. Public office he never sought, nor ever held. In connection with The Times, Mr. Galpin conducted a book store, which at his decease passed into the hands of his son, Henry J. Galpin, who now conducts it. During the last sickness of Mr. Galpin, the management of The Times fell to Theodore B. Galpin, who for one year discharged the duties of that position, and for about one year after his father's death. At the beginning of a new year, he disposed of a one-half interest to Wellington Alexander, and under their joint management the business is now conducted.

Theodore Galpin was born in Oxford, January 23, 1846, and from a boy up has always been identified in one way or another with The Times, first as roller boy on the old Washington hand press, which still has a retired nook in the office, and an age of upwards of one hundred years, then as compositor, writer and manager. The only intervals that occur to break a continued connection with the paper were his attend-

ance at Oxford Academy, and two terms at Cazenovia Seminary.

Wellington Alexander was born in Greene, November 25, 1871. His father died some two years later, and his early life was spent with his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen H. Millard, in Oxford. Later he went to the State of Connecticut, where he lived with relatives, while receiving his education. At the age of seventeen, he entered the office of The Seymour (Conn.) Times, where he learned the printer's trade, and later he was employed on The Record of the same place. From there he returned to Oxford, found employment on The Times, and in January, 1894, became associated with Mr. Galpin, as one of that paper's editors and managers. Mr. Alexander was married in 1895, to Lilian M. French of Oxford, by whom he has one son.

The Times, now in its sixtieth year, still follows the old and well established custom of issue on time. It is neither a day ahead nor a day behind, scarcely an hour, and its readers expect it and receive it regularly every publication day, which is Tuesday morning. The paper has an established reputation for originality and for the advancement of anything and everything that is for the interest and welfare of Oxford. While the paper itself is well along in years, modern machinery and type have replaced old from time to time, and The Times of to-day is a model of typographical neatness, that will compare favorably with any country weekly. The paper enjoys a large subscription list, and an extensive advertising patronage, won on its own merits.



FLOYD H. COWLES.

FLOYD H. COWLES, postmaster and the leading druggist of Greene, Chenango County, N. Y., was born in Smithville Flats, January 6, 1860. He is a son of Orlando and Olive P. (Hotchkiss) Cowles, and a grandson of Myron Cowles.

Myron Cowles was a native of Greene, his father having been one of its earliest settlers. His vocation was that of a farmer, but he also owned and conducted an inn. Maryetta Towsley, of Greene, was his companion in life, and their union was blessed by eight children, whose names are as follow: Floyd; Edward; Orlando; Leroy; Charles; Dallas; Alice; Flora. In religious belief, the members of the family were Universalists. He was a Democrat in politics, but never aspired to office. Mr. Cowles was a prosperous farmer and stock raiser. He was a public-spirited man, and took an active interest in any movement tending to improve the condition of the town and its people.

Orlando Cowles, after completing his education in the common schools, turned his attention toward tilling the soil, in which he is now engaged; he also makes a specialty of buying and selling fast horses. People have always found him a man of his word, and are not afraid to trust him in a business transaction. He married Olive P. Hotchkiss, a daughter of Amos Hotchkiss of Smithville Flats, N. Y., and they became the parents of two children, namely: Myra and Floyd H., the subject of this sketch. Mr. Cowles' wife passed from this life in 1865, when but twenty-seven years of age. He was again united in marriage with Julia Hotchkiss, a sister of his first wife, but she too passed from this life.

In religious belief, he is a member of the Universalist Church. Politically, he is an active supporter of the Democratic party, and has served in an official capacity as collector, constable, and assessor. Socially, he is a Mason, and belongs to the Eastern Light Lodge, No. 126, of Greene.

Floyd H. Cowles received a good common school education in his native town, after which he became a clerk in the pharmacy of J. S. Wood. He remained there several years, and then went to Wellsboro, Pa., where he operated a drug store for one year. Then after conducting a similar establishment at Oxford for one year, he returned to Greene, and there purchased the drug business owned by his former employer, J. S. Wood. To-day it is the leading pharmacy in the beautiful little village of Greene. Mr. Cowles is a man of more than ordinary business ability. At present he is the efficient postmaster of the village. In politics, he is an active Democrat, and has held a number of responsible positions. He has been town clerk, and a member of the board of supervisors, and has faithfully performed the duties of these offices to the entire satisfaction of all. Socially, he belongs to the Eastern Light Lodge, No. 126, F. & A. M.; and Greene Chapter.

Mr. Cowles' first wife was Anna M. Wood of Greene. Their marriage occurred in 1885, and they lived together happily for seven years, when Mrs. Cowles passed away. He was again married, Josephine L. White being his second wife. In religious belief, they are liberal. Mr. Cowles is still a young man and has a bright future before him. It is with

feelings of satisfaction and pleasure that we publish on another page an excellent portrait of Mr. Cowles, who is included among the most enterprising and wide-awake citizens of Greene.

DR. THOMAS JEROME TIFFANY, a medical practitioner of Afton village, N. Y., is a gentleman whose trained abilities and skilled resources have brought him before the public, and have won for him the regard, esteem, and respect that are justly due a man of his usefulness in the life of the community. The work of a physician, from its innate nature, is of the kind that brings him into the closest relationship with the people. The way in which he carries his heavy responsibilities is ever to the public a matter of the most vital importance. That Dr. Tiffany knows fully the ethics of his profession, as well as the teachings, and every day lives up to them, admits of no discussion. His high standing everywhere proves his fidelity to his patients' interests, and his success proves his talents. He is a son of Thomas J. and Matilda (Rought) Tiffany, and was born in Brooklyn, Susquehanna County, Pa., December 23, 1854.

Pelatiah Tiffany, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Attleborough, Mass., September 12, 1788. He moved to Brooklyn, Pa., and engaged in the tilling of the soil until his death, which took place August 27, 1862. In politics he was an ardent Democrat. Religiously, he was a consistent member of

the Universalist Church. He was married February 26, 1793, to Hannah Miller, who was born in Glastonbury, Conn., and they reared a large family of children. Mrs. Tiffany died at Brooklyn, Pa., October 31, 1839.

Thomas J. Tiffany, our subject's father, was born in Brooklyn, Pa., January 2, 1816, and besides being a prosperous farmer, he followed the occupation of a carpenter and joiner. He was united in marriage January 1, 1840, with Matilda Rought. She was born in Nicholson, Wyoming County, Pa., February 4, 1818, and died at Brooklyn, Pa., December 27, 1888. She was a daughter of George and Sarah (Roberts) Rought. Mr. Tiffany was the owner of 100 acres of the best improved land to be obtained in his section. Politically, he was an avowed Democrat and took an active part in politics, but had no great desire to distinguish himself as a public officer. He and his family were in their religious views Universalists, and supported the church of that denomination in Brooklyn, Pa. Mr. Tiffany passed from this life in Brooklyn, Pa., March 15, 1896. His family consisted of the following children: Laura Ann; Fernando Americus; Mather Clemons; Rosetta Amelia; and Matilda Loretta. Laura Ann was born June 2, 1842, and married Emery T. Oakley December 24, 1869. They had two children, namely: Rozetta, born July 5, 1871, and died April 11, 1875; and Stella May, born March 28, 1877. Mrs. Oakley died March 15, 1892, at New Milford, Pa. Fernando A. Tiffany was born February 4, 1845, and married Mary Helen Oakley February 20, 1867. Their home was blessed by two children, who were as follows:

Ida Lena, born May 8, 1870, and died September 3, 1870; and Nellie Louisa, born September 22, 1872. Mr. Fernando A. Tiffany is following the trade of a carpenter in the village of Greene. Mather Clemons Tiffany, who is a farmer and owns the homestead in Brooklyn, Pa., was born October 8, 1847, and was united in marriage July 15, 1873, with Clarissa Rerigo, and their family consists of three children, namely: Earl, born January 28, 1880; Ralph Ray, born March 28, 1881, and Arta Laton, born August, 1883. Rosetta Amelia was born March 30, 1850, and she formed a matrimonial alliance with Henry T. Seaman, and they were happily married July 3, 1876. They are the parents of two children. Matilda Loretta was born November 1, 1852, and died December 19, of the same year.

Thomas Jerome Tiffany was reared on the old homestead, and received his early mental training in the public schools of his native town. He left home in 1880 and moved to New Milford, where he was employed in a tannery for several years. In 1884 he began to study medicine under Dr. S. A. Brooks of New Milford, Pa., and in 1886 he entered the Homeopathic Hospital College, at Cleveland, Ohio, and was graduated in the spring of 1888. Moving to Scranton, Pa., he followed his chosen profession until 1891, when he went to Wyoming, Pa., where he remained one year. His next field was in Afton, N. Y., where he has since grown to be one of the most necessary and useful citizens of the community.

He was joined in the bonds of matrimony February 1, 1877, with Eva Louisa Bennett

of New Milford, who was born in New Milford, August 14, 1855, and died June 21, 1892. Her only child was: Emma Leila, born July 5, 1878, and died February 11, 1897. He was again united in marriage October 12, 1892, the bride being Susan Amelia Carpenter of Afton, this county. Mr. Tiffany is a member of the Inter-State Homeopathic Medical Society. He also belongs to the Afton Lodge, No. 360, F. & A. M. Politically, he is a Republican. In spite of a life filled to the utmost with the many cares and duties of a general practice, Dr. Tiffany has kept in step with the wonderful advances made by his profession during late years. He is pre-eminently of a studious turn of mind, and his reading covers an extensive field over and beyond the actual needs of his vocation. He is fortunate in his home surroundings and in the fact that his life work has been among a people who know well how to appreciate real worth and honest endeavor.

HENRY WINTER, a veteran of the late Civil War and a farmer of the town of Greene, was born at that place, March 6, 1836. He is a son of William and Margaret (Van Dyck) Winter, and grandson of Thomas Winter.

Thomas Winter was a native of Warwickshire, England, where he lived, and was engaged in farming all his life. He was united in marriage with Catharine Gilbert, and they reared five children,—three sons and two daughters, namely: Mary, who remained in England until after her marriage,

when she and her husband went to Calcutta, India, where they both died; Hannah, who married Lewis Lee Morris, a farmer of the town of Morris, Otsego County, N. Y., and a descendant of Lewis Morris, a signer of the Declaration of Independence; William, the father of our subject; John, deceased, who was a cabinet-maker by trade, and for a number of years was associated with his brother William in the tanning business at Greene, N. Y., but later was a farmer of Wisconsin, where he died; and Thomas, who at an early age went West to live. Shortly after her husband's death, Mrs. Winter, with all of her family but Mary, came to America to live, and settled in the town of Morris, Otsego County, N. Y., about the year 1804.

William Winter was born in Warwickshire, England, in the year 1789, and was but fifteen years old when he came to this country with his mother. Being the oldest son, a large share of the responsibility of bringing up the younger members of the family, and of establishing a home, fell upon his shoulders. He learned the tanner's and currier's trade, and for a number of years he and his brother John conducted a tanyard in the village of Greene. In 1845, he bought a farm on the Lower Geneganstlett, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits the remainder of his life. He was prospered in his labors and accumulated a neat fortune, because of his frugal habits, his untiring energy, and his ability to do his work well. At an early age he was united in marriage with Margaret Van Dyck, a former resident of Albany, N. Y., and a daughter of Peter Van Dyck. As a result of this union, thirteen

children were born, who were as follows: Thomas, deceased, who was a merchant of Greene, N. Y.; Catharine; Margaret, deceased, who was the wife of Charles G. Bunnett, formerly a merchant of Chenango Forks, later a hotel keeper of Keokuk, Ia.; Mary, a maiden lady; William, a farmer in Greene, now deceased; Maria, deceased, was the wife of S. P. Thomas, a farmer of the town of Greene; Charles, a retired farmer of La Fayette, Ind., who was a soldier in the Civil War, serving in Co. D, 27th Reg., N. Y. Vol. Inf. for two years; Helen, who is the wife of S. A. Gross, a farmer of Milford, Iowa; Jane, who died young; Martha, who is the wife of L. R. Davis, a carpenter of Spirit Lake, Iowa; Hannah, the widow of W. S. Hoag, now living in Elizabeth, N. J.; and John, a farmer of West Berlin, Ohio. Mr. Winter was a consistent member of the Episcopal Church. His useful life came to an end in 1870.

Henry Winter was reared on the farm and received a good common school education. He worked on his father's estate until October 14, 1861, when the terrible Civil War began; he enlisted at Greene, in Co. H, 89th Reg., N. Y. Vol. Inf., being one of the first to respond to the call of his country. He took part in many engagements, some of the most important being the battles of Antietam, South Mountain, Fredericksburg, Suffolk, and the Burnside Expedition. In August, 1863, he was taken sick and sent to a hospital to recuperate; he remained in different hospitals until April, 1864, when he considered himself sufficiently recovered to join his company, which was situated near Petersburg.



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After returning, he took part in the engagements of Petersburg, Cold Harbor, and Chapin's Farm, and soon after received an honorable discharge, October 14, 1864. There is, perhaps, nothing of which a man may be more excusably proud than of gallant service in the cause of his country, nor is there any service which lives longer in the grateful memory of the people. He returned to the homestead, and cultivated it until a few years ago, when he became a painter, as his health was such as to prevent him from engaging in the more arduous labors of the farm. He was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Gross, by whom he had three children, who are as follows: Edmund, who died in infancy; William Thomas, a clerk in Towanda, Pa.; and Charles Everitt, who died in childhood. His second wife was formerly Mrs. Lydia J. (Purple) Wagner, whose first husband was S. C. Wagner, by whom she had three children, namely: Annie E., who is the wife of Ansel Parker, a resident of Oxford; Dora A., a teacher of Yonkers, N. Y.; and Nellie, who died in infancy. Mr. Winter is a member of Banks Post, G. A. R. of Greene, N. Y.

CHARLES G. ADAMS. Among the pioneer residents of this county, who have accumulated largely of this world's goods through their own efforts, backed up by a conquering energy and perseverance, and who are now retired from the active labors of life, upon a well-earned competency, is the gentleman whose name heads

this biographical notice, and whose home is in the village of Norwich. He was born in the town of Plymouth, Chenango County, N. Y., July 31, 1823, and is a son of Darius and Martha (Simons) Adams, and grandson of Darius Adams, Sr.

The great-grandfather of Charles G. Adams was a native and resident of Massachusetts, and was the father of five children—four daughters and one son, Darius, Sr., who was born in the State of Massachusetts. In 1792 our subject's grandfather settled in New York State, first locating in Schoharie County, and later in Genesee County. It was in the latter county that he met with an accident, which cost him his life, being killed by a runaway horse. He was the father of eight children, namely: Lucy; Cynthia; Anna; Sally; Polly; Amasa; Asa; and Darius.

Darius Adams, the father of Charles G., was born in the State of Massachusetts, January 8, 1774. He came with his father to New York, and in 1803 moved to the town of Plymouth, where he bought a small farm. The country was unimproved, sparsely settled, and contained more Indians than white men; but undismayed by the prospect, this hardy pioneer settler set about and cleared the farm, which is now one of the finest estates in the vicinity. On March 13, 1798, he married Martha Simons, and they reared a large family of children, who were as follows: Fanny, wife of Henry Marsh; Walter, who married Ruth Hammond; Clarissa, wife of Zara Brewer; Lorenzo married Chloe Dimmick; Darius C. married Lucinda Eggleston; Martha, wife of Mr. S. Y.

Hammond; Mary married Abram Lewis, and after his death became the wife of Henry Van De Mark; Orville died young; Samantha Emeline, wife of Jacob Van De Mark; Lodelia died young; and Charles G., subject of this personal mention. Darius Adams was at first a Whig, but upon the formation of the Republican party, he joined the ranks of the latter organization, and remained identified with that party until the date of his death, which was December 25, 1851. He served at one time as justice of the peace, and was assessor for many years. Mrs. Adams passed away September 4, 1854, at the age of seventy-four years. Darius C. Adams, a member of the family named above, and an older brother of our subject, reared three sons and one daughter; one of his sons, George W. Adams, a resident of Norwich, N. Y., had a family of thirteen children, of whom three were triplets, born June 7, 1878, and named Louis Lorenzo, Leroy Hayes, and Leverne Lincoln, all three being alive at this writing (1898).

Charles G. Adams pursued his educational career in the district schools and in Norwich Academy, remaining closely at home the while throughout his boyhood days, assisting his father about the farm, and thus learning much about agricultural pursuits. When our subject grew to manhood he took charge of the old homestead, and cared for his father and mother in their declining years. In 1856 he sold the farm, and bought a larger property in Otselic township, Chenango County, and now owns a tract of land, consisting of 415 acres. It is embellished with an attractive dwelling, good barns and out-

houses, and all the appliances and farm implements requisite for the carrying on of agriculture in a proper and systematic manner. Later, he moved to Cazenovia, in order that he might give his children an opportunity to secure a good education in the excellent seminary of that village. After his children were all through school, he moved to his farm in Otselic, and carried on general farming until October, 1893, when he moved to the village of Norwich, and bought the Samuel Green residence, No. 64 South Broad Street, where he lives in retirement in his beautiful home.

On January 1, 1850, our subject and Lowenza B. Taylor, daughter of John Taylor of Plymouth, were happily married. Mrs. Adams died February 18, 1853, aged twenty years, leaving one child, Lorenzo G., who died September 3, 1878, at the age of twenty-five years. Mr. Adams contracted his second matrimonial alliance on August 16, 1854, marrying on that date Sophia Foote, daughter of James Foote of Otselic, and they reared the following children: Florence O., born November 17, 1855, married Warren Webb, a prominent farmer, and bore him two children, Herbert and Julia; Helen J., born September 7, 1857, married Wellington Davis, a well-to-do agriculturist of Plymouth, and they gathered about them these children, Grove, Erna and Floy; an infant son, born January 8, 1860; Alice S., born October 14, 1861, became the wife of S. Crumb, and their one child, Simeon Aubrey, was born August 1, 1896; Mary E., born June 29, 1864, married Wallace L. Miller, a farmer of Otselic, and has one daughter, Inez L., born

September 12, 1895; Grant Charles, born September 4, 1868, and died August 30, 1870; and Jesse D., born September 25, 1871, and died June 1, 1886. The mother of these children passed to her reward February 10, 1895, aged sixty-four years. Our subject was for many years a supporter of the Republican party, but is now a Prohibitionist, and a strong advocate of temperance. Religiously, he is a devoted member of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Adams possesses the force of character, the industry and energy, which were the chief characteristics of his honored father. He has been very successful in his farming ventures, and his love for the beautiful led him to adorn his home, which everywhere gives evidence of his good taste and practical skill. As already stated, he has a wide influence in the community. Strictly upright in all his dealings, and courteous to all, those who know him repose in him unbounded confidence. It affords us pleasure to add to the interest of the above life record by publishing a portrait of Mr. Adams, which is presented on a page near by.

GEORGE A. HAVEN, a prominent attorney who has had charge of a large practice in the village of Afton, since 1878, is one of the heroes of the late Civil War, who left a happy home to do battle for his country. He was but seventeen years of age when he enlisted in Co. A, 52nd Reg., Ill. Vol. Inf., the month of August, 1861; he re-enlisted October 25, 1863, in the same company

and regiment, and served until June, 1865, when he received his honorable discharge at Springfield, Ill. He was a corporal of the company, and participated in the following important engagements: Pittsburg Landing, Corinth, Iuka, and many skirmishes. He was taken prisoner in the fall of 1863, and was incarcerated at Atlanta a short time and was then taken to Bell Isle, where he was kept until March, 1864. He was then taken to Andersonville Prison, and later to Charleston, where he was paroled in March, 1865, after sixteen months of imprisonment. He was a brave and valiant soldier, always performing his full duty without complaint, no matter how trying or hard it might be. He was very popular with his fellow members of Co. A, and also held the respect of his superior officers.

Mr. Haven is a son of John and Angeline (Kellogg) Haven, and was born in the town of Pitcher, Chenango County, October 1, 1843. Asa Haven, the grandfather of our subject, was a farmer by occupation, and settled in the town of Guilford when a young man. He followed agricultural pursuits there all his life, and became one of Guilford's good, substantial citizens. He was the progenitor of a family of twelve children, six daughters and six sons, one of whom was John, the father of our subject. He passed to the world of rest, in 1855, at the age of seventy years.

John Haven was born and reared in the town of Guilford, where he lived until after attaining his majority, when he moved to Pitcher. There he operated a large factory, and engaged in cabinet and chair making; he

was also an undertaker. He sold out his establishment in 1850, and went to Greenwood, Steuben County, N. Y., where he purchased a large farm and followed farming the remainder of his life. He was a Democrat until the agitation of the slavery question, when he became a Republican and a strong Abolitionist. Religiously, he was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was a leader in the Sunday School, being superintendent at one time. He was united in the holy bonds of wedlock with Miss Angeline Kellogg, and they were the parents of three children: George A., in whom the interest of this sketch centers; James H., who died in early boyhood; and Sarah J., who died at the age of sixteen years. After the death of Mrs. Haven, our subject's father was again married, his second union being with Betsey Hakes, who survived him many years.

George A. Haven, at the age of sixteen went to Kaneville, Ill., where he was living at the outbreak of the war. After the war had closed, he again came to New York State and settled at Cincinnatus, Cortland County, where he began his education in earnest. He took a complete course in Cincinnatus Academy, and later graduated from Cazenovia Seminary, June 9, 1870. He then began reading law under the preceptorship of Solomon Bundy of Oxford. He read law during the summer and taught school in the winter months. In 1872, he entered the Albany Law School, and was graduated from that institution in June, 1873. His first legal work was performed in the village of Oxford, where he remained for two years, and then

moved to Pitcher, practicing in that village until 1878. He then took up his residence in Afton, where he has since had charge of a large and lucrative practice, numbering among his clients the leading men of the community.

He formed a matrimonial alliance with Addie Perkins, a daughter of Tracy K. Perkins of South Otselic, September 13, 1876, and their union has been blessed by the birth of two children: Elizabeth, who is attending the college of music at Ann Arbor, Mich.; and S. Ruth, who is now residing at home. Mr. Haven is a firm supporter of the Republican party, and was elected district attorney by that organization in 1883, serving three years. He has been sent by his party as delegate to county, district, and state conventions, and has evinced a lively interest in political affairs. In religious belief, he is an adherent to the faith of the Methodist Church. He is a member of the Vanderburg Post, No. 12, G. A. R., of Afton, of which he has been a very prominent member, and served as commander for three years. He has been a delegate to state encampments a number of times. He stands high in the esteem of his fellow men, who respect him as one who has filled all the requirements of a dutiful citizen.

GEORGE O. WILLIAMS, M. D., one of the best physicians and surgeons in Central New York, and a respected citizen of the village of Greene, Chenango County, N. Y., was born in the village of

Norwich, Conn., April 14, 1843. He is a son of Rufus O. and Jane (Burr) Williams.

George Williams, the grandfather of our subject, was a descendant of the Marlboro stock of Massachusetts. He was a farmer by choice, and followed that occupation the greater part of his life. He was a very prominent man of his time, and anything conducive toward the welfare of the townspeople found a warm supporter in him. He married Miss Pease, and a large family of children was born to them: Mylano; Rodney; Rufus O.; Lucius L.; Melona; and Saphronia. In religious views he was a member of the Congregational Church.

Rufus O. Williams, the father of our subject, was a Universalist minister, and was also a graduate in the school of medicine, taking his degree in 1857. He followed both professions at different periods of his career with marked success. Later in life he devoted his entire time to his medical practice. He also was a journalist and writer of considerable note. In politics he was an adherent of the Democratic party. He held memberships in both the Masonic and Odd Fellow lodges, and was highly regarded in fraternal circles. He married Jane Burr, daughter of William G. Burr of Madison County, this state. Four children blessed their happy home, namely: Carrie L., deceased, who married Benjamin Gage; Louisa G., who married Henry De Long, a Unitarian minister of Medford, Mass., and gave birth to two children, Florence and Harold; George O., who heads the above lines; and Jennie H. Our subject's father died in 1889, at the advanced age of eighty-four years.

Mrs. Williams still survives her husband, and has now passed the eighty-third mile stone in the journey of life.

George O. Williams received his education in the public schools of Southbridge, Mass., and at Exeter, N. H., Worcester, Mass., and also at the Binghamton Academy, and Cazenovia Seminary, N. Y. He began to read medicine under the able direction of his father, and later with S. H. French of Lisle, N. Y. He then attended lectures at the Albany Medical School of Albany, N. Y., and graduated from that institution in the winter of 1866. He then practiced his chosen profession in the village of Smithville Flats, this county, for six years, with fair success. He came to Greene, N. Y., in March, 1873, where he has since resided; the results have been most flattering both to his skill and judgment in the diagnoses and treatments of diseases, and to his efforts for obtaining favorable notice from the people, for he has built up a very large practice and has frequently received pressing requests for his services from points in the surrounding counties, quite distant from his place of residence. He is a member of Eastern Lodge F. & A. M., No. 126, of Greene. In politics he is an unwavering Democrat.

In 1867 Dr. Williams was joined in marriage with Julia A. Crandall, daughter of Welch Crandall of Binghamton, N. Y. As a result of this union three children blessed their home, namely: Frank H., who married Jane S. Juliand of Greene; Mary L., an artist, whose work has been published and regarded by critics with favor; and Raymond L. Religiously, he is an attendant of the

Congregational Church. The Doctor is a member of the Chenango County Medical Society; the State Medical Society; and is an honorary member of the Broome County Medical Society.

MARY A. SHOLES, who has been the efficient preceptress of the Sherburne Union School, and a teacher of English, Mathematics and Drawing, since 1895, is a woman of deep learning, broad views and superior executive ability, and has done much in raising the standard of the school, and in bringing it to its present state of efficiency, by following the most approved methods, as laid down by the foremost students of pedagogy. She is a daughter of Andrew and Harriet (Stanton) Sholes.

Andrew Sholes was a son of Minor Sholes, and was born November 9, 1832, at West Burlington, Otsego County, N. Y. Andrew Sholes, with his brother, George W., who now resides in the village of Norwich, carried on a general store at Morris. His health failing him, and wishing to lead a life with more out-door employment, he moved to Norwich, and for four years was traveling representative of a confectionery establishment. He then tried farming, and as his health gradually improved, he decided to make it his permanent occupation, and bought a farm in the town of Morris, upon which he lived the remainder of his days. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Miss Harriet Stanton, a daughter of Randall and

Sabina (Brownson) Stanton. Randall Stanton was one of the progressive farmers of the town, but died while in the prime of life. Mrs. Stanton also died young, being only forty-four years of age. They left a family of six children.

Mr. Sholes was taken sick with typhoid pneumonia, and passed to his eternal resting place October 25, 1875. He was survived by his wife and two children: George L.; and Mary A. Mrs. Sholes put forth her greatest efforts to make a noble man and woman of her children, and to give them as good educations as they would have received had their father lived. That few children are blessed by the love of such a mother is fully realized by them, and during her declining years they are her comforters and caretakers. She is now living at Sherburne, with her daughter. George L. Sholes, her son, was born April 14, 1872, at Morris, Otsego County, N. Y. After taking the required course in the Morris Union School, he became a clerk in the grocery and drug store conducted by J. H. Shepard & Co. He was polite, pleasing and obliging, and soon became very popular with the customers. September 1, 1894, he was taken into partnership, and the firm became Shepard & Sholes, and they carry the finest and largest line of goods in their section of the county. Mr. Sholes displays rare good judgment in business matters, and is quite as successful as a manager as he was a salesman. He was united in marriage with Miss Sara R. Palmer, a daughter of Russel Palmer of Sherburne.

Miss Mary Sholes, in whom the interest of this sketch centers, is a graduate of Morris



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Union School, and also of the Fredonia Normal School, where she pursued her studies until she had completed her education, and fitted herself for her chosen profession of teaching. After her graduation, in 1889, she taught for four years in the village of Sherburne. She then went to Dover, New Jersey, where she taught for one year. She was then called to her present position as preceptress of the Sherburne Union School. She has not only given entire satisfaction to the trustees, but to the parents of the scholars as well. She is always a friend to her pupils. The educational circles of Sherburne have no more valued member than Miss Sholes, who devotes her whole time and influence to the advancement of educational interests. She is a member of the Congregational Church, and is an earnest worker in the societies of that organization.

JOHN E. MILLER. With scarcely a doubt the best known and most popular citizen of Oxford is the gentleman named above, who is now engaged mainly in agricultural pursuits, after a highly prosperous career in business as a quarryman and wholesale dealer in blue stone. He owns considerable property in the vicinity of Oxford village, and does a large real estate business. Mr. Miller was born in the month of August, 1842, and is a son of Henry L. and Elizabeth (Mygatt) Miller.

Epaphras Miller, the grandfather, was born in Glastonbury, Hartford County, Conn., June 2, 1778, and came to Chenango

County in 1800, buying large tracts of land, which he sold piece by piece to the settlers who came to make their homes in the new country. Soon after becoming a resident of Chenango County, this progressive pioneer started a general store, which soon proved to be an excellent investment, and claimed the most of his time. Mr. Miller was one of the most influential and prominent men of Oxford, and was a Whig in his political allegiance. His wife, Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. Samuel Baldwin of Massachusetts, bore him the following children: Robert; Benjamin; Henry L.; Elizabeth; Anna M.; and Benjamin S. All are deceased except Anna M. Cannon. They were members of the Congregational Church. Mr. Miller died July 5, 1860, aged eighty-two, and his wife July 14, 1853, aged sixty-six.

Henry L. Miller received his education in the old Oxford Academy and in 1834 left school to enter the mercantile business with his father, which they conducted together until 1841, when the son formed a partnership with William Mygatt. The personnel of the firm continued to be Mygatt & Miller for ten years, when another partner was added to the firm in the person of Gerret H. Perkins; in 1868, the firm was still farther enlarged by the addition of another partner, William M. Miller, our subject's oldest brother, the firm adopting the style of Miller, Perkins & Co. Our subject's father was a man of prominence in Oxford, and highly honored for his irreproachable character. So high was his standing in the community for honesty and integrity, that he was often chosen to settle estates, and was thus en-

trusted with large amounts of property with scarcely any security whatever. He was always interested in any movements that promised well for the improvement of the village, or the betterment of humanity, and such a cause found in him an indefatigable worker in its behalf. He was president of his native village of Oxford from 1862 to 1866, and for a long term of years held a trusteeship in the old Oxford Academy. For two years, during 1865-67, he occupied the position of cashier of the National Bank of Oxford, and for twelve years he was vice-president of the same institution. He was a consistent and active member of the Congregational Church, and a most zealous supporter of beneficent evangelical work. He united himself in marriage with Elizabeth Mygatt, a native of New Milford, Litchfield County, Conn., and a daughter of Mr. Miller's partner, William Mygatt, whose personal history appears on another page of this work. This union resulted in the gathering together of the following family: William M., who, in 1879, married Emma M. Pearne of Oxford, N. Y.; John E.; Benjamin S., who married, in 1881, Josephine A. Bowen of Binghamton, N. Y.; and Henry N., deceased. Mr. Miller died at his home in Oxford, the scene of his life work, March 10, 1886, aged seventy-one years. Mrs. Miller survived her husband four years, the call coming to her on February 5, 1890, at the age of seventy-two years. They had both lived to an advanced age, and the end came with the consciousness of a well spent life, and a serene trust in a life everlasting beyond the shadow of the grave.

John E. Miller received his primary education in Oxford Academy, and then attended Yale College, graduating in the class of 1866 with the degree of M. A. After leaving college halls, he was associated in the dry goods business with his father until 1867, when he was tendered a position as teller in the National Bank of Oxford, which he accepted and where he remained until he went to Minnesota to take up the duties of a similar position in the State National Bank of Minneapolis, with which solid financial institution he was connected about one year. After leaving Minneapolis, Oxford once more became our subject's home. He had long thought that very profitable returns should ensue from a business-like operation of stone quarries, and he now set about proving the correctness of his theory. From 1872 to 1886 he was extensively engaged in this work, owning and operating five large quarries, from which vast quantities of the best article of blue stone were taken, with handsome profits as a result. After the business was well developed he took as a partner James J. Treanor of New York City, and the firm then became known as John E. Miller & Co., with offices in Oxford and New York. They sold large quantities of stone, furnishing \$30,000.00 worth of blue stone for the Elmira State Penitentiary, and also providing a large amount for the construction of the D. O. Mills Building and Produce Exchange of New York City. The first tomb of Gen. U. S. Grant in Riverside Park was built of stone that came from John E. Miller & Co.'s quarries.

Since 1886 our subject has turned his ener-

gies into pursuits of an agricultural nature, and is the owner of some very fine farm property. His stable of highly-bred horses is a source of pardonable pride to him. The real estate business has many attractions for Mr. Miller, and claims no small part of his time; he is recognized on every side as one of the most competent judges of the value of realty in the county, and is therefore entrusted with no small amount of real estate transactions. Mr. Miller is something of a journalist, having been a contributor to the press on different occasions, the articles in question showing his ability as a writer to be far above the average. Mr. Miller has the finest private library in Chenango County, and spends his leisure moments among his books, renewing old acquaintanceships, and forming new attachments. The collection consists of 1,400 well-chosen volumes of standard authors, most of which contain nothing but the most solid mental food, 300 volumes being classics. It is needless to state that this library is very highly prized by its owner, and that it is ever his aim to keep the library in excellent working condition by adding from time to time new works that appeal to his cultivated tastes as destined to live in literature. The past two years of his time have been much taken up with overseeing the construction and fitting up of his elegant country residence some six miles west of Oxford village, on his farm of 210 acres, where he may spend his summer months, or at Guilford Lake, where he owns a cottage and large pleasure boat. Our subject has never married. He is a stanch Republican, and is intelligently interested in party affairs, but

has not been an aspirant for office. He is a member of the Congregational Church, and a liberal contributor to all the good work of that society. The publishers of this volume are indeed pleased to be able to present on a preceding page a portrait of Mr. Miller.

FRED A. SWEET, the present popular postmaster, and a highly respected citizen of his native town, was born in the town of Smyrna, this county, September 29, 1862. He is a son of Leroy C. and Amelia C. (Talcott) Sweet, and grandson of Thomas and Ruth (Allen) Sweet.

Thomas Sweet came to the village of Smyrna at an early day, and engaged in the pursuits of an agriculturist, which occupation he followed all his life. He was joined in wedlock with Miss Ruth Allen.

Leroy C. Sweet was born October 19, 1825, and was a very successful farmer and speculator, spending the most of his days in his native town of Smyrna. He was an active politician, and in all his relations to the public welfare, his actions were prompted by pure motives and a desire for the general good. He was married to Amelia C. Talcott, daughter of Harvey Talcott, who was born in Bolton, Conn., in 1797. Mr. Talcott became a farmer of Smyrna, and died there in 1847. In 1812 he married Mary Wallace of Ellington, Conn. She died in 1868. Harvey Talcott was a school teacher in his younger days, and when he came to Smyrna he settled on the farm where William Comstock now resides, and later made his home where C.

Hayward lives. In 1822 he built the house in which our subject now resides ; he also built the corner store where the firm of Ferris, Sternberg & Co. is located, and there he carried on a general store until the time of his death. He was the first postmaster of the village of Smyrna, which position he held for twenty-five years, and was also a trustee of the village. He reared a family of eight children : Philura married B. Hartwell ; Dwight died at the age of three years ; Watts, deceased ; Mary, wife of J. O. Ransom ; Dwight (2), deceased, who was a resident of Chicago, Ill ; Amelia, our subject's mother and wife of Leroy C. Sweet ; Maria L., who married N. P. Wheeler ; and Charlotte C., who married Thomas Miller, and later married Frank Finch of Chicago, Ill. As a result of the union of our subject's parents five children blessed the home : Thomas ; Dwight ; Kittie L. ; Fred A., subject of this sketch ; and Mary, who married I. S. Colwell of Auburn, N. Y.

Fred A. Sweet received his education in the public schools of Smyrna. He had an inherited aptitude for farming, and with his brother Dwight purchased the farm of his father, where they engaged in general farming until 1893, when our subject was appointed postmaster of Smyrna. On his mother's lot he erected a building, into which he moved the postoffice, and has filled the duties of his position to the entire satisfaction of the patrons of the office. Mr. Sweet learned to manufacture butter, which trade he followed for eight years in Sherburne Falls and in Ipswich, Mass. He married Miss Adelia C. Coye, daughter of

F. D. Coye, a leading and progressive farmer of Smyrna, and they have one little boy, Franklin Leroy, born in the town of Smyrna, July 18, 1888.

MRS. LINDA M. STOCKWELL of West Bainbridge is one of the oldest residents of Chenango County, and enjoys the respect and friendship of the entire community. She is a daughter of Hiram and Charlotte (Atwater) Johnson, and was born September 27, 1811, in Easton, now included in Guilford, this county.

Her grandfather, Daniel Johnson, came to Guilford in 1800, when there were but few houses there, and the country had but few improvements of civilized life to attract settlers. His home had been in the town of Wolcott, Conn., previous to this, but he came to the new country, expecting to make his home and his fortune, and at once set about clearing this wilderness, succeeding at last in getting it in such shape that he had a very desirable farm. He served as a soldier of the Revolution, but his life was spared, and he returned to his home, where he died peacefully some years later.

Hiram Johnson was also a native of Wolcott, Conn., and came with his father's family to this county. He was the oldest of the family, and was born in 1786. He was prominent in political affairs, and held several offices, the duties of which were discharged in the most orderly and businesslike manner. His last public office was that of pathmaster,



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and his work in this office was the subject of much favorable comment. His life was one of usefulness, and his death was the cause of universal sorrow throughout the town of Guilford, where he died, in 1873, at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. He was married to Charlotte Atwater, and their union resulted in the birth of two children: Linda M., the subject of this biography; and Mary Ann, who married Birdsall Yale. Mr. and Mrs. Yale are now deceased.

Mrs. Linda M. Stockwell grew to young womanhood in the town of Guilford, and made many friends, who hold her in high esteem. She was twice married, the first time to Uriah Ives, in February, 1836. Her second union was with Davis Stockwell. Mrs. Stockwell is now in her eighty-seventh year, and is a remarkably well preserved woman, showing a clearness of intellect and a strength of mind that might well belong to a much younger person.

WILLIAM A. BROWN, the genial and popular postmaster of Preston Corners, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, is a son of Paul and Harriet S. (Alexander) Brown, and was ushered into this world on October 1, 1849, in North Norwich, Chenango County.

His grandfather, Nehemiah Brown, came from Cortland to the town of Norwich, where he was employed at the carpenter trade. He was the father of the following children: Paul; Cyrus; Eleazer; James; Marquis; William; and George.

Paul Brown was born in Cortland County. He resided for the greater portion of his life in the town of New Berlin, where he carried on farming. He was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Alexander, and they are now living in the town of Norwich. Their home has been blessed by the birth of five children: Lavina; Harriet; Mina; Emily; and William, all of whom have grown to maturity, and are regarded with the greatest respect and esteem by the communities in which they reside. Mr. Brown was a Republican, but his time was so entirely employed with agricultural pursuits that he gave but little attention to political affairs.

William A. Brown, the subject of this biography, received his early mental training in the district schools of the town of New Berlin, and then entered upon his career as an agriculturist, a calling for which he was peculiarly fitted, both by nature and by his early training. He came to Preston in 1870, became acquainted with Miss Emma Evans, and made her his wife, February 23, 1876. She is a daughter of Charles Evans, a resident of Plymouth township, this county. They have one child, Lulu. In 1877, he took up his residence on the farm on which he still lives, at Preston Corners. Mr. Brown has always been a hard worker, never shirking a duty, no matter how disagreeable it might be to perform, and he is now enjoying the fruits of his industry and enterprise, having accumulated a considerable property. He and his wife own two of the best farms at Preston Corners, one of which they make their home, and another situated near by, consisting of 150 and 230 acres respectively. However, he

is not a man to enjoy too much leisure, no matter how well earned, and at the present time is actively engaged in general farming, to which he has added a dairy business, keeping 40 cows, and receiving from them no small share of his profits. Besides looking after his extensive farming interests, he is the acting postmaster of Preston Corners, and so obliging is he, and willing to please, that he has the support of Democrats as well as Republicans. Perhaps in no position can a man's standing in the community be so readily established, provided he be made of the right material, as in that of postmaster, for the calls upon his time are so incessant, often unnecessary, that it is often a strain upon his good nature, and the fact that Mr. Brown is a universal favorite, with young and old alike, speaks for him the highest praise. He has always been an ardent worker for the Republican party, and has held many offices within the gift of the people; he has at different times been assessor, supervisor, and town clerk of the town of Preston, giving complete satisfaction to his constituents. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are attendants of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and their hands are always extended to assist a worthy cause.

ISAAC H. WILLSEY, the enterprising clothier of Bainbridge village, is a son of Isaac and Hannah (Dietz) Willsey, and was born January 15, 1836, in the town of Berne, Albany County, N. Y. The old home of the Willsey family was in Holland;

from there they emigrated to this country, settling in the valley of the Hudson, and were members of an old Knickerbocker family.

Henry Willsey, the grandfather of our subject, was born in the Hudson valley, either in Dutchess or Westchester County. His occupation was that of a farmer, and after his marriage he moved to Albany County.

Isaac Willsey, the father, was born in the town of Berne, Albany County, in 1798. He was a very successful farmer, and his entire life was passed on the farm where he was born. He died at the age of eighty-eight years. Politically, he was a Whig, and later a Republican; one who took a deep interest in the success of his party. He served as justice of the peace for twenty-one years. He married Hannah Dietz, and to them twelve children were born: Jacob, deceased; Henry, deceased; Hiram, deceased; Hannah Maria, deceased; Elmira; Mary; Katherine, deceased; Seneca; Isaac; Emma; Joseph; and Harriet.

Isaac H. Willsey was married to Miss Sophia Mercellis; they are the parents of four children, all of whom are living, and an honor to the communities in which they live. Theodore D. is the proprietor of the Central Hotel at Bainbridge; Burton B. has charge of the National Express office at Buffalo, N. Y.; Viola lives at home; and Austin G., who is employed in the National Express office at Buffalo. Mr. Willsey was educated in the public schools and Rensselaer Academy, and the few years following his graduation, until he was twenty-five years old, were spent on the farm. He then took charge of the hotel at Rensselaerville, Albany County,

which he conducted four years, with the satisfaction of knowing that his guests were well pleased with the treatment they received at his hands. He then engaged in the boot and shoe business for a period of seven years, three of which were spent in Cohoes and four in Schenectady. Finding this business did not appear to be just suited to him, he came to Bainbridge in 1877 and once more embarked in the hotel business, this time as the proprietor of the Central Hotel, which he conducted with the best of success for seventeen years, and then sold it to his son Theodore. He endeavored to please his patrons, and so well did he succeed that his hotel had a far-reaching reputation for the excellency of the table and the cleanliness and comfort of the rooms; in consequence of this, he always had a house full of guests, and it was with sincere regret that they saw him give up the charge of the house, even though the new proprietor was his son. For three years after leaving the hotel Mr. Willsey lived a retired life, but he was not a man to settle down to a life of idleness, although such rest had been well earned, and at the end of that time he again started in business, this time in a gentlemen's clothing and furnishing store, where he meets his hosts of old friends, and carries on a most profitable business. Politically, Mr. Willsey has been a Republican, and is an indefatigable worker for the success of his party. He has been president of the village of Bainbridge for six or seven terms, and is quite popular with all classes of citizens, irrespective of party. He is a member of the Susquehanna Lodge, No. 167, F. & A. M. of Bainbridge.

ROBERT A. BENEDICT, the efficient station and express agent of the village of Afton, is a son of Apollos and Lucinda (King) Benedict, and was born in the village of Bainbridge, Chenango County, October 1, 1858.

Apollos Benedict was born near Danbury, Conn., where he passed his boyhood days, after which he came to this county, and settled in Bainbridge. Later he moved to West Bainbridge, and remained there the rest of his life. His occupation was that of a tailor, and he was well-known as a skilled workman in that line. He was twice bound in the holy bonds of wedlock. His first union was with Miss Amanda R. Sanford, and they became the parents of the following children: Cyril, deceased; Edwin, also deceased; and Susan, who was the wife of a Mr. Fairfield, a prominent man of Hudson, N. Y., now deceased. After Mr. Fairfield's death, his widow was united in marriage with Frank Alden Hill, deceased, whose profession was that of a lawyer. Mrs. Hill has traveled extensively over England and the Continent, and is now living in Hampton, N. H. Apollos Benedict's second wife's maiden name was Lucinda King, and they reared three children, namely: Howard A., a druggist of Bolivar, N. Y.; Hobert A., whose name heads these lines; and Lyman C., a farmer of South New Berlin. He was a faithful member of the Congregational Church, and as he was a talented musician, he was accustomed to play in the church choir. In political belief, he was a stanch Republican, and voted uniformly with his party. Mr. Benedict was called Home in

1866, at the age of sixty-six years, and his wife survived him two years.

Hobert A. Benedict was reared in his native town, and received his mental training in the common schools. After his parents' deaths, he went to live with Silas Kneeland, at Beech Hill, Delaware County, and later made his home with an uncle, Wilder Fuller, with whom he remained five years. At the age of twenty-two he came to Afton, where he took a two years' course in the Afton Union School and Academy. He then went into the railroad office at Afton, where he learned telegraphy, and soon after became baggage master and clerk. He officiated in that capacity until 1893. During the first two years of that time, W. R. Sloan was station agent, after which George E. Sackett filled that position. Mr. Benedict worked hard and faithfully, and when the opportunity presented itself, in 1893, he was rewarded by being made station agent. He has held that position since, to the entire satisfaction of his superior officers. He is also express agent, and agent for the Travelers' Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn. His brother, Lyman, succeeded him as baggage master and assistant clerk, but after two years' time he returned to the farm, near South New Berlin.

Mr. Benedict was united in marriage with Emma May Jacobs of Afton, and they are the happy parents of two bright daughters, namely: Gladys May; and Ruth J. In politics, he is a firm supporter of the Republican party. He is a member of the Baptist Church, of which he is a deacon and trustee, and takes an active interest in the church

affairs. Our subject is still in the prime of life, is active and enterprising, and is esteemed as a man of great worth in his community.

CYRUS B. MARTIN stands at the head of one of the largest manufacturing concerns in Norwich, the David Maydole Hammer Co., whose products are to be found in the markets of the world. Since 1877, when he bought a quarter interest of his father-in-law, David Maydole, founder of the company, he has given his attention chiefly to this interest. For many years he was engaged in journalistic work. He is president of the Chenango National Bank of Norwich. Mr. Martin was born in Argyle, N. Y., September 6, 1830.

LUCIUS C. ANDREWS, M. D., a practicing physician of Pitcher township, and a coroner of Chenango County, N. Y., was born in Venice, Cayuga County, N. Y., March 25, 1853. He is a son of William Harrison and Emeline (Harris) Andrews, and grandson of Obed Andrews.

The Andrews family originally came from England, but Obed Andrews was a native of the Green Mountain State, and came to Venice, Cayuga County, this state, about the year 1800, where he engaged in farming. He was married in Vermont, and became the father of nine children, five sons and four daughters,

of whom William H. Andrews was the fourth son.

The father of our subject was born in Venice, Cayuga County, August 13, 1816, and resided on the homestead all his life. He was twice joined in marital bonds. The first wife was Mary Welch, by whom he had three children, namely: Abidah A., deceased, who was the wife of Daniel Kratzer of Cortland County, N. Y.; Glenn, who was one of the many heroic men who offered up their lives that the Union might endure; and Mortin M., who follows the trade of a carpenter in Buffalo, N. Y. Glenn Andrews, named above was a member of Co. I, 111th Reg. N. Y. Vol. Inf.; with a portion of his company he was captured by the Confederates and placed in Andersonville Prison, where he died by starvation, neglect and exposure. The second wife of William H. Andrews was Emeline Harris, a daughter of Henry Harris, a farmer of the town of Locke, Cayuga County, N. Y. They became the parents of seven children, whose names are as follows: Amelia S., who died in March, 1876, aged twenty-nine years; Mary E., who is the wife of Lowell Mason, a farmer of the town of Venice, Cayuga County, N. Y.; Vestina J., a typewriter and stenographer of Albany, N. Y.; Dr. Lucius C., our subject; Victor, a farmer on the old homestead; Adelbert H., a prosperous merchant of the town of Moravia, Cayuga County; and Willie H., deceased, who died in his boyhood. Mrs. Andrews was called Home in June, 1866, being forty years of age.

Dr. Andrews spent his early life on the homestead, and attended the district schools

of his native town, after which he was a student at the Moravia Union School. He then taught in the district schools for several years, at length taking up the study of medicine, in 1877, with Dr. Dudley of King's Ferry. He attended lectures at the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, Ohio, for two terms in 1877-78. Then after pursuing a two years' course in the Medical Department of the University of New York, from which institution he was graduated March 10, 1880, he took special courses in physical diagnosis and gynecology. Dr. Andrews thus had the benefit of instruction in some of the best medical schools in the country, and laid hold of every opportunity of becoming a thoroughly learned and skillful physician. These facts being generally recognized, it is not remarkable that his practice is so large, and that he should be brought in contact with more critical and baffling cases than usually fall to the lot of physicians outside of the large cities. Immediately after graduation, he began practicing at Venice, where he remained for seven years. In February of 1887 he located in Pitcher, as it gave him a wider field for practice. In political belief, he is a Republican of the purest type, and has held several offices. For several years he was health officer; for the past six years he had served as coroner with such satisfaction to the county, that he was again chosen to fill that office at the last election.

On March 16, 1887, he was joined in Hymen's bonds with Esther E. De Groff, daughter of William and Helen (Holmes) De Groff, the former of whom was a farmer of the town of Fleming, Cayuga County, N. Y.

One child has been born to add to their wedded happiness, and cement their union, George Lucius. Dr. Andrews is prominent in social circles, being a member of the Chenango County Medical Society, and a member of the Cincinnati Lodge, No. 706, F. & A. M. Allying himself with the Congregational Church and Society, he is an active worker in that organization, and for eight years was superintendent of the Sabbath School. He and his estimable wife are active workers in all religious and benevolent fields, and take a deep interest in everything that tends to uplift and benefit mankind.

FOLLETT. DAVID LYMAN FOLLETT was born in Sherburne, N. Y., July 17, 1836, and is a son of Uzziel and Fanny (Miller) Follett, residents and citizens of that town. He was educated in the Oneida Conference Seminary and began the study of law with Rexford & Kingsley, at Norwich, N. Y., April 1, 1856, and January 5, 1858, was admitted to the bar at Binghamton, N. Y. April 1, 1858, he opened an office in Norwich, this county, and continued in the active practice of his profession until his elevation to the bench, January 1, 1875. On January 13, 1862, he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States, and a year later, January 29, 1863, obtained the right to practice and bring his cases before the Circuit Court for the Northern District of New York. February 25, 1864, he still further extended his field of operations, being admitted on that date to the Cir-

cuit Court for the Southern District of New York. March 21, 1867, he was admitted to practice in the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York. March 2, 1867, he was appointed by President Johnson, and confirmed by the United States Senate, as Assessor of Internal Revenue for the Nineteenth District of New York; he served in this federal position until May 20, 1873, when the office was abolished, pursuant to Chapter 13, Laws of 1872.

Judge Follett dates his connection with the bench of the State from January 1, 1875, when he took office. He had been nominated in 1874 by the Republican Convention for Justice of the Supreme Court for the term of fourteen years, and as there was no opposing Democratic candidate, Judge Follett was elected without a contest. In the November election of 1888, he was re-elected for another fourteen years, being supported by both Republican and Democratic parties. Judge Follett has also held a number of high appointive offices, to which his selection was but natural, considering the able manner in which he had administered justice on the bench. He was appointed by Gov. Hill, May 6, 1887, pursuant to Chapter 124 of the Laws of 1887, a Commissioner to revise with David Dudley Field and Judge William Rumsey the Proposed Code of Evidence. Gov. Cleveland designated him May 17, 1884, as an Associate Justice of the General Term of the Fourth Department, and Judge Follett filled that judicial office until January 21, 1889, when he was designated by Gov. Hill to act as an Associate Judge of the Court of Appeals to form a Second Division



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of that Court, by which Court he was chosen Chief Judge, and so continued until October 1, 1892, when the Court was discontinued. November 18, 1892, he was designated by Gov. Flower as an Associate Justice of the General Term of the First Department, and served until December 31, 1895, when the Court was abolished by the Constitution adopted in 1894. October 7, 1895, Judge Follett was appointed by Gov. Morton to serve as an Associate Justice of the Fourth Appellate Division from and after January 1, 1896, in which position he is now (1898) serving.

Judge Follett was married September 23, 1862. His wife, Jane Polhemus Randall before her marriage, was born in Cortland, October 4, 1837, and was a daughter of Henry Stevens and Jane (Polhemus) Randall. Mrs. Follett was educated at Cortlandville Academy. To Judge and Mrs. Follett have been born two sons, one of whom is now living. Henry Randall, the elder, was born February 19, 1869, in Norwich, N. Y., and was educated at Phillip's Exeter and Dummer Academies. He was graduated at the Albany Law School, June 17, 1891, and was admitted to practice in the courts of New York State April 29, 1892. April 1, 1896, he began to practice in Norwich, N. Y. The younger son, David Miller, born November 3, 1870, in Norwich, N. Y., died there June 30, 1872.

HENRY C. BENNETT, the leading mason and contractor in the village of Norwich, is a son of Stephen and Clarissa (Jenkins) Bennett, and was born

at Guilford, Chenango County, New York, October 1, 1850.

His grandfather, Solomon Bennett, was born in Delaware County, N. Y., and later in life moved to the town of Guilford and engaged in farming, following that occupation all his life. He had a family of four sons and two daughters.

Stephen Bennett, father of our subject, was reared in Delaware County. He received a liberal education, and then followed the pursuits of an agriculturist in the town of Guilford. Politically, he was a Democrat, and voted his chosen ticket all his life. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and took an active part in its affairs, being trustee for a number of years. He was a member of the old state militia. He was joined in wedlock with Miss Clarissa Jenkins, and they reared a family of eleven children: Lewis; Eliza, deceased; Susan; Dubois; Luman, deceased; Carrie; Oscar; Alvin; Henry C.; Frank; and Nelson. Mrs. Bennett died in 1879. Mr. Bennett passed from this life in 1895.

Henry C. Bennett received a liberal education in the common schools, and then followed the trade of a mason in the town of Guilford; later he moved to Norwich, and worked with his brother for three years, when he started in contracting for himself, and is now the leading mason and contractor in Norwich. In politics he is a staunch Republican. He is a member of the Methodist Church. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 205; Encampment, No. 52; and Rebecca Lodge, No. 95. He is a member of the Norwich Tribe of the Improved

Order of Red Men. He was married November 7, 1871, to Miss Georgia A. King, daughter of R. H. King. One child, Charles, blessed their happy home. Since Mr. Bennett has been a citizen of this town, he has earned for himself the reputation of being a good, honest, upright citizen, and it is with pleasure that we publish his portrait on a preceding page.

DR. LOUIS P. BLAIR, the representative physician of McDonough, whose superior abilities are everywhere recognized, since coming to this village in 1878, has had an ever increasing practice. He was born in the town of Chenango, Broome County, N. Y., and comes of a good family, being a son of A. Edson and Caroline (Pease) Blair.

His paternal ancestors, hardy Scotchmen, came to this country at an early day. His great-grandfather, born in Massachusetts, was a minute man of the Revolution, and had two sons, who also fought for Independence, one of whom died from wounds received in battle.

A. Edson Blair, the father of our subject, was born in the State of Massachusetts, and came to Chenango, Broome County, with his father. He was one of the good, solid farmers of the town, and was well and favorably known throughout the community. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and a true Christian gentleman, in whom a friend in trouble would always find a ready helper and sympathizer. In

politics, he adhered to the principles of the Republican party. He was united in marriage with Miss Caroline Pease, and seven children blessed their union, namely: Mrs. Dr. Moody of New Haven, Conn.; Morris P., now a resident of Binghamton, N. Y., served in the War of the Rebellion, from the first battle of Bull Run, to close of War, in the 27th Reg., N. Y. Vol. Inf.; Mrs. William H. Bristol of Binghamton, whose husband was a major in the War of the Rebellion; Mrs. Ella E. Johnson; Minnie B., who married George Reynolds of Binghamton; Louis P., the subject of this biography; and Dr. Arthur E., who died in 1889, at Castle Creek, Broome County, N. Y., where he had practiced medicine several years.

Mrs. Blair's ancestors came from France in 1630, only 10 years after the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers, and settled in Connecticut. Her brother, Rev. Lewis Pease, founded the Five Points Home of Industry in New York. Mrs. Blair was a woman of high literary talents, and many of her works, written under the *nom de plume* of "Waif Woodland," have been widely read. Both our subject's parents are now numbered among the departed, his father dying in 1883, aged seventy-four years.

Dr. Lewis P. Blair was born July 8, 1853, on his father's farm, upon which he lived until his education in the district schools was completed. He then taught school for some time, and later became a commercial traveler. At the age of twenty years, he began the study of his chosen profession, medicine, under the preceptorship of Dr. J. A. Pettit, a learned physician of Buffalo, N. Y. He later

took a course at the Buffalo Medical College, an institution ranking high among similar colleges of our country. Later, he entered the Kentucky School of Medicine of Louisville, from which he graduated in 1877. Possessing superior natural abilities, and being of studious habits, he ranked among the first in his classes, and at the time of his graduation was awarded the Thesis Prize, a much sought honor. He immediately took up his residence in McDonough, and entered upon his present practice, which is one of the best in his section of the county. He is of a kind and sympathetic nature, and is always a friend to his patients, who look upon him not only as an honest and capable physician, but as a personal adviser. He has a true sense of professional honor, and is always fair in his treatment of fellow-practitioners. He has been successful beyond his fondest hopes and has accumulated a handsome competency. In connection with his practice, he takes time to superintend the work on four good farms, which he owns in the town of McDonough. Dr. Blair's farms are all operated in an up-to-date manner, and he has not been slow to employ the use of new and improved machinery where it seemed for the best. The buildings are large, neat, and substantial, and the farms are well stocked. He makes a specialty of Jersey cattle, and has a fine herd of thorough-breds, which attracts the admiration of all who chance to see them.

March 20, 1875, Dr. Blair was united in the bonds of matrimony with Mary J. Slater, a daughter of Milo Slater of Triangle, Broome County. Mrs. Blair is a kind and

loving wife, possessing many virtues, and has proven a true help-meet and comfort to her husband. Ovr subject is a stanch Republican, and actively advocates the principles of the party. In recent years there have been many warm fights by the two leading parties for supremacy in the town of McDonough, and it is with great satisfaction that Dr. Blair has seen the Democratic majority of sixty votes overcome, and the town safely in control of his party. He is a county coroner, and is now serving his fifth year as supervisor of the town. He is president of the board of health, and has been notary public for the past fifteen years. He is a member of the American Medical Association, and an original member of the New York State Medical Association. The New York State and Chenango County Medical Societies also include him as a member.

BENJAMIN F. HARRINGTON. The gentleman whose name heads this notice is a prominent and highly esteemed agriculturist of Green township. He was born July 12, 1852, on the old homestead, and is a son of Benjamin and Sarah A. (Barrows) Harrington, and grandson of Joshua Harrington, and great-grandson of John Harrington.

John Harrington, a native of Ireland, emigrated to America, and settled in the State of Connecticut. At this time the Empire State was attracting much attention on account of the bright prospects held out to pioneers, and he joined the tide of emigration, took up his residence in Chenango

County, and purchased a small farm. He was among the first white men to locate within the borders of Chenango County, and to begin the work of transforming a wilderness into a prosperous and thickly inhabited country. At the time of the outbreak, which occurred between the colonies and the mother country, inspired by a spirit of patriotism, he joined the army and rendered valuable service. At the close of the war he held a captain's commission. He passed from this life in the village of Oxford, at the age of eighty-four years. He married and reared a family of six children, who were as follows: Joshua; John; Hillman; Ebes; Daniel; Mrs. Polly Harrington; and Mrs. Rebecca Smith.

Joshua Harrington, grandfather of our subject, was born in the State of Connecticut, and when but a mere lad of twelve years, he accompanied his father west and located in Oxford, Chenango County, N. Y. Rapidly the old settlers of Chenango County are crossing the river of death to meet the loved ones gone before, and the time is not far distant when none will be left to tell the tale of the trials incident to the early settlement of this country. The beautiful farms will, however, be left as monuments of their handiwork, and their memories will be perpetuated by just such records as those which the reader is now perusing. Joshua Harrington spent all his life in this district as a farmer. He chose for his wife Thankful Harrington, daughter of Thomas Harrington, who was a native of Connecticut, and who later came to the village of Oxford and engaged in the pursuits of an agriculturist.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harrington were born the following children: Lucinda, deceased, was the wife of Darius Cooper, late farmer of Greene; Malinda, deceased; David, deceased, was a well-to-do farmer of Greene; Joshua, deceased, was also a prominent farmer of Greene; Benjamin, a successful farmer and father of the subject of this sketch; Mariette; Margaret, deceased, was the wife of James Tuttle, a successful blacksmith of Greene; Thomas W., an enterprising farmer of Greene; and Charles P., who died in his boyhood days. In politics, Mr. Harrington was an avowed Democrat.

Benjamin Harrington, father of our subject, was a native of Oxford, and was born May 1, 1816. Upon attaining his majority, he took up the occupation of a farmer, and followed it all his active life. He attended the early schools of his native village, and obtained a liberal education. He was a strong Democrat in politics, a man of great force of character and decided views, and labored zealously for honor, right and the truth. He was united in marriage with Miss Sarah A. Burrows, daughter of Simeon Burrows, a well-to-do farmer living in Greene. They are the parents of the following children: Mary A., the wife of Floyd Wylie of Broome County, N. Y.; Benjamin F., subject of this sketch; Eugene, a prominent farmer in Greene; Reade E., also a wealthy farmer of Greene; Victoria, who married George B. Bly, a barber of Carbondale, Pa.; and Evelyn, who was united in marriage with Joseph Spanley, a barber of Greene. Mr. Harrington was a great favorite socially, and the home of himself and wife was a pleasant resort for



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the cultured people, with whom they enjoyed large acquaintance. He died in Greene, January 26, 1897, leaving an estate of 500 acres, and a large bank account, to his heirs.

Benjamin F. Harrington was born on the old homestead, July 2, 1865, received his early training in the public schools of his native town, and remained under the parental roof until he was thirty-one years of age. He then went to Binghamton, N. Y., where he engaged in the manufacture of cigars. In 1886 he returned to his native village and bought his present home, which consists of 118 acres of highly cultivated land. He has his farm well stocked with cattle and runs a dairy, keeping about twenty head of Holstein cattle.

He was married December 3, 1885, to Miss Ella Thornton, daughter of A. Thornton, a progressive farmer of Afton, this county. In politics, Mr. Harrington is a strong Democrat. Socially, he is a member of the Warwick Chapter, Mystic Chain, No. 9, of Page Brook.

JOHN J. SHERMAN, deceased, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, was born in Holmesville, Chenango County, N. Y., January 19, 1846, where he was reared and educated, after which he followed farming with his father until 1881. Upon leaving the farm he went to New York City, where he was employed by the Van Hoff Manufacturing Co., manufacturers and wholesale dealers in fishing tackle. After remaining with them for two years he accepted

a position as brakeman on the New York Elevated R. R. Three years later he was appointed to the police force of New York City. He was a brave and courageous man, always on hand in the time of need, and one who was ever ready to discharge his full duty. For five years he faithfully performed these duties, and gained the respect of his fellow officers, and the good-will of the inspectors. On September 1, 1891, he attempted to arrest a desperate negro, and in the encounter he met his death. His removal by such foul means was a cause for universal mourning on the force, and by a large number of friends in private life. He was a man of excellent habits, kind and sympathetic in his demeanor toward the deserving, but a terror to those traveling the paths of crookedness. He was in the prime of life, when he was called Home, and had a bright future before him. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Lodema Woodman, and two children blessed their home, namely: Ada; and Claude N. Mr. Sherman was a member of the A. O. U. W. of New York City.

The Sherman family is one of the oldest and best known in the county. George Sherman, our subject's paternal grandfather, was one of the earliest pioneer settlers of Morris, Otsego County, but at an early day he came to Chenango County and located near Holmesville. He was a farmer, and endured the many hardships incident to pioneer life.

Nelson Sherman, the father of our subject, was born December 31, 1826, at Holmesville, where he was reared and spent his entire life. He was a mason and carpenter by trade, but

also did considerable farming. He passed away May 1, 1894, after a long and successful life. He was united in marriage with Eliza Barton, and they became the parents of a son, John J., the subject of this personal sketch.

Mrs. John J. Sherman is a woman of excellent qualities and comes of a well known English family. She is a daughter of William and Harriet Woodman. William Woodman was born in England in 1831, and at the age of nineteen years came to this country and located at Mt. Upton. At that place he was united in marriage with Harriet Baird, after which they moved west to Iowa. He was a hero of the Civil War, and fought in many hotly contested battles. After the close of hostilities he again came to the State of New York and settled in Holmesville, but two years later he moved to Madison County. There he lived and tilled the soil the remainder of his days. Mr. and Mrs. Woodman were the parents of seven children: Mrs. Sherman; Ida M. Kattau of New York City; Mrs. Clara E. Clark of New York City; William D. of Rockwell's Mills; Eugene C. of Holmesville; Mrs. Lizzie A. Fairchilds of Madison County, N. Y.; and George W., also of Madison County. Mrs. Sherman now lives at Holmesville, where she has many friends.

WILLIAM H. SAGE, a respected citizen of the village of Holmesville, New Berlin township, Chenango County, has extensive farming and dairy

interests, and ranks with the first agriculturists of his section. He comes of a family, that has chiefly followed the peaceful pursuits of agriculture, but many members have achieved distinction in other walks of life as judges, lawyers, clergymen, college professors, physicians, army and navy officers, statesmen, merchants, manufacturers, and mechanics. Whatever their avocations, or wherever they live, the members of the Sage family are known as sober-minded citizens, industrious in their work, and loyal to home and country.

The Sage family traces its descent from Scandinavian stock, far back in the Dark Ages; the name was spelled "Saga," but when the Norsemen conquered Normandy, and over-ran France, the final "a" was changed to "e," thus making the present name,—Sage. The name as it appears first in English history is found upon Battle Abbey Roll, year 1066, A. D.,—the roll made by William the Conqueror after the battle of Hastings, when he divided the English lands among his own followers,—the spelling there being "Sageville." As a mark of distinguished favor, a coat of arms was granted by the King. The coat of arms is surmounted by grain, fruit and flowers, indicating that the Sage family was then, as it is now, an agricultural people. The motto is "Non Sibli,"—"Not for ourselves."

The founder of the American branch of the now numerous family of Sages was David Sage, a native of Wales, born in 1639, who emigrated to the American Colonies in 1652, settling in Middletown, Conn., where he died in 1703. His descendant, Daniel

Sage, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Connecticut in 1756, and in 1803 came to the town of New Berlin, settling on a tract on Great Brook, where, after passing through the usual experiences incident to a pioneer life, he passed away in 1852. His farm consisted of 200 acres of interval land on Great Brook. He served in the War of the Revolution, and three of his sons fought in the War of 1812, for the rights of Americans against British oppression. He married Sybil Jewett of Rensselaer County, and had the following family: Sylvia, born in 1779; Erastus, 1784; Faith, 1786; Betsey, 1788; Simeon, 1789; Abigail, 1791; Jewett, 1793; Daniel, 1795; and Nathan, 1800.

Daniel Sage entered upon the stage of life in 1795, in Rensselaer County, and came with the other members of his father's family to New Berlin township, and settled on Great Brook. He made no mistake when he adopted the pursuit of farming as an occupation to follow through life, for the natural aptitude he manifested in that direction, combined with the earnest efforts he put forth to achieve success, conspired to make him a very prosperous man, and an extensive landowner, for at the time of his death he held a clear title to 800 acres of land that he had acquired. He was a man of great force of character, and proved himself a model citizen of his township. Party lines did not hold him very strongly, but when called upon to give his preference, he declared himself to be a Democrat. He married Eliza Burton, by whom he had nine children, five sons and four daughters, who grew to manhood and womanhood, as follows: Sylvia, born in 1831;

Richard, 1832; Olive A., 1834; Lois, 1836; George H., 1837; William H., 1840; Augustus, 1843; Emeline, 1848; and Daniel B., 1854.

William H. Sage, a member of the sixth generation from David Sage, the first of the family in this country, was born in New Berlin township, April 20, 1840. He obtained an excellent mental training in the common schools, and the South New Berlin Academy, pursuing his studies in that institution, when Prof. Barber was principal. He afterwards attended Oxford Academy, paying his own way through school, and receiving no financial aid from anyone in obtaining his education. Excellently equipped for life's battles, he left the academy at the age of twenty-one, and taught school one term in Schuylkill County, Pa. He then returned home to New Berlin township, married in 1861, and located on a farm near Holmesville, which is now occupied and conducted by his brother, George H., a notice of whose life appears on another page. On this farm he followed agricultural pursuits for a period of fourteen years, and then purchased a farm of 107 acres in the town of Morris, Otsego County, N. Y., upon which he resided for fifteen years. In 1880, he moved into the village of Holmesville, where he has since made his home in a comfortable and commodious residence. Although living in the village, he still continues to conduct his farm, and has also been engaged in the manufacture of butter and cheese, keeping a choice dairy. In 1893 he purchased a beautiful property, called Riverside Farm.

Mr. Sage is a Democrat in his politics

though somewhat independent in his views; he has been a commissioner of roads. On December 17, 1860, our subject was united in marriage with Sarah E. Thornton, a sister of C. H. Thornton, a merchant of Holmesville, and daughter of David and Abbie Ann (Clark) Thornton. Her great-grandfather, Jonathan Thornton, a native of Rhode Island, brought his family, in 1812, to New York State, locating in Norwich township, Chenango County. He followed the occupations of a stonemason and a farmer all his life. He died in 1862. His son, William Thornton, grew to maturity in Rhode Island, and came to this state with his father after his marriage, and followed farming in Norwich. David Thornton, Mrs. Sage's father, was born in Rhode Island in 1806, and was six years of age when his father brought him to Norwich. He engaged in stock-raising and other agricultural pursuits, and owned a farm of 200 acres. The last years of his life were spent in the town of Guilford, where he died in 1885. His wife bore him these children: Charles H., a prosperous general merchant of Holmesville, whose sketch appears on another page; Sarah E., the wife of our subject; Anson, a farmer of Morris, Otsego County; and Samuel, who is a retired farmer of Mt. Upton.

JOSEPH D. VAN VALKENBURGH, who is acting as agent for several different insurance companies, and who is one of the energetic and thrifty business

men of the village of Greene, was born in the above town September 16, 1849, and is a son of Joseph D. and Maria (Wheeler) Van Valkenburgh.

Lambert Van Valkenburgh was the first of that name to represent the family in this country. He was a native of Amsterdam, Holland, and emigrated to America in 1645, settling in New Amsterdam, now New York City. He was the father of Jochem Van Valkenburgh, who was born in 1646; grandfather of Bartholemew Van Valkenburgh, born in 1680; great-grandfather of Jochem Van Valkenburgh who was born in 1702; and great-great-grandfather of Claudis Van Valkenburgh, who was born in 1747. Claudis Van Valkenburgh was the great-grandfather of our subject and the father of Adam Van Valkenburgh, who was born in Albany County, N. Y., in 1773. In 1830 Adam Van Valkenburgh moved to Greene, Chenango County, and settled on a tract of land, which was then covered by a dense forest. He cleared a part of his farm, engaged in the tilling of the soil and was one of the leading agriculturists of his section. He married Jennie Backus, who was born in Columbia County, N. Y. They were the parents of ten children, who were as follows: John; Peter; Jeremiah; Joseph; George; Christina; Maria; Jane; Katherine; and Margaret. In religious views Mr. and Mrs. Van Valkenburgh were members of the Presbyterian Church. He passed from earth's scenes, its toils and its troubles, in 1859. She was called to her well-earned rest in 1875.

Joseph D. Van Valkenburgh, the father of our subject, was born in Albany County,

N. Y., in 1822, and attended the common schools in his native town until his parents came to Chenango County and located in the town of Greene. He was reared to follow the pursuits of an agriculturist, and farming continued to be his principal occupation throughout life. In 1851 he went to the State of California, where he remained five years, engaged in operating a saw mill, and in working extensively in a gold mine. Mr. Van Valkenburgh returned to his former home, where he remained until the time of his death, which occurred June 4, 1895. He was a stanch Democrat in politics. He sincerely believed in the principles endorsed by this party, and always voted for the maintenance of these principles whenever an opportunity presented itself. He was very popular in his community, and was elected supervisor and filled many other minor offices, the duties of which offices were faithfully and honestly discharged. He was united in marriage with Miss Maria Wheeler, daughter of William D. and Prudence Wheeler, and five children blessed their home, namely: Joseph D., the subject of this biography; Charles W.; George A.; Emma; Prudence D.; and Margaret M. Charles W. Van Valkenburgh married Hortense Wright of Greene, and they reared a family of four children, namely: Lilian; Nellie; Neil; and Edna. George A. was united in marriage with Miss Effie Bryant of Greene, and two children blessed their home, Charles and Margaret. Emma, deceased, was the wife of R. A. Race of Greene, and the mother of two children, namely, Earl and Ethel. Margaret M. married Frank Leary of Greene, and they are the parents of

one child, Francis. Mrs. Van Valkenburgh entered the world of rest March 15, 1893.

Joseph D. Van Valkenburgh, whose name heads this brief notice, received a good education in the public schools of Greene, and then worked as a keeper in the State Prison at Sing Sing. After remaining there some months he went to Auburn, N. Y., where he accepted a like position. Disliking that kind of employment he resigned his position, and engaged in the insurance business for La Confiance Insurance Company, a French company, whose headquarters were at Paris, France. Three years after he engaged with the American Central Insurance Company of St. Louis, Mo., and for fourteen years he acted in the capacity as general agent of the Eastern States. He was required to travel a great deal over the territory to which he had been assigned, and spent on an average two nights a week in a sleeping car.

In 1875 he was joined in bonds of matrimony with Miss Emma S. Boynton, daughter of George W. and Eliza Boynton of Greene, N. Y. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Van Valkenburgh consists of the following children, namely: Ralph D.; Raymond H.; Helen S.; and Joseph D., deceased. Mrs. Van Valkenburgh died in June, 1888, at the age of thirty-five years. In 1889 our subject was married to Nellie G. Mears of New Haven, Conn., and four children were born as a result of this union. They are: Emma J.; Richard M.; Edward A.; and Gertrude. Religiously, his family are devoted members of the Congregational Church. Mr. Van Valkenburgh is identified with the Democratic party, whose principles he believes to be the best of

any existing political organization. He has served as trustee of the village of Greene. Socially, he is a member of the Eastern Light Lodge, No. 126, F. & A. M., of Greene.

GEORGE W. WILLCOX, M. D., one of the rising young physicians of Greene, who has a bright future before him, was born in Plymouth, Chenango County, N. Y., September 9, 1866, and is a son of A. Wallace and Lovinia (Wales) Willcox.

The Willcox family is of English ancestry. The grandfather, Edward T. Willcox, spent the greater part of his active life in the village of Verona, N. Y. He purchased a large tract of land, which was covered by the dense forest, which he immediately cleared, and with the lumber he engaged in the lumber business, and farmed the land which he had already cleared. At first he met with great success, but later lost his fortune by the designing plans of his enemies. In political views he was an adherent of the Whig and later of the Republican party. He was wedded to Miss Harriet M. Houghton, and they reared three children, who were as follows: A. Wallace, the father of our subject; Emily, who married Wright Christian of Verona, N. Y., and has three children, William, Sherley E. and Edna; Anna was the wife of Henry Gregory of Plymouth, and is now a resident of Mt. Upton, N. Y. Mrs. Willcox died in 1885. Mr. Willcox passed from this earth in 1888, at the advanced age of seventy-six years. In religious views

Mr. and Mrs. Willcox were consistent workers of the Methodist Church, of which both were members.

A. Wallace Willcox received his schooling in his native village, after which he accepted a position as watchman on the railroad at Verona. Taking a dislike to the railroad business, he resigned and moved to Plymouth, where he purchased a small tract of land and engaged in farming. He was a man of many good business qualities and a valuable man in railroad circles, which the company knew; while engaged in agricultural pursuits, he was offered any position on the railroad between Oneida and Schenectady, but he would not accept, as he had quit that line of work for good. He casts his vote for Republican candidates, and is one of the political leaders in his community. He has served as road commissioner for several years, and has also filled the office of excise commissioner. He was joined in marriage with Miss Lovinia Wales, daughter of George Wales, and they reared a family of three children, who are as follows: Clara, the wife of Eugene Sabin of Plymouth, and the mother of one son, George; George W., our subject; and Bertha L. Mr. Willcox, in religious views, is an active member of the Methodist Church, of which he has been steward for a number of years. Mrs. Willcox entered the world of rest in 1883, aged thirty-six years. A. Wallace Willcox chose for his second wife Edna Bently of West Winfield, N. Y., and she has borne him one child, Elsie.

George W. Willcox received his primary education in the public schools of Plymouth and then entered Colgate Academy at Ham-



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ilton, N. Y. Upon graduating he began the reading of medicine under Dr. Charles B. Flint of Hamilton, with whom he remained one year, when he entered the New York Homeopathic Medical College, from which he graduated in 1895, with the honors of his class. He then successfully passed the state examination at the University of New York, June 5, 1895, where he again carried off honors. He also took a course at the Broome Street Maternity Hospital. He chose the village of Greene for his field of practice, where he has successfully followed his profession since June 10, 1895. September 22, 1894, he was joined in marriage with Miss Susie Stone, daughter of J. D. F. Stone of Hamilton, N. Y. Socially, he is a member of the Chenango County Medical Society, of which he is vice-president, having been honored with that position January 1, 1897. He is also a county delegate to the State Homeopathic Society. He is a member of the Masonic Order, Eastern Light Lodge, No. 126, of Greene. Mr. and Mrs. Willcox are both popular and consistent members of the Methodist Church.

JAMES K. WETMORE, president of the First National Bank of Bainbridge, this county, was born August 29, 1819, in the town of Bovina, Delaware County, N. Y., and is a son of James and Hannah (Sackrider) Wetmore.

James Wetmore, the great-grandfather, was a native of England, and a minister of the Episcopal Church. He came to this

country at an early day and engaged in ministerial work in Rye, Westchester County, where he probably died.

James Wetmore, the grandfather, was born in the town of Rye, Westchester County, in 1762; when a young man he moved to Delaware County and followed the occupation of a farmer. He was married to Hester Sneffin, who was born in Rye, Westchester County, in 1754. They were the parents of a large family of children, who grew to adult years, married and left numerous descendants, who are scattered all through the state, and are among the best families. These children were: Susannah, born December 18, 1780, the wife of Caleb Johnston of Hobart, Delaware County, who was born in September, 1782, and died in Greene County; James, born May 1, 1784; Hester, born September 20, 1786, married Henry Sackrider of Delaware County; Elisha, born September 16, 1788; Mary, born September 21, 1791, wife of Zera Baldwin, a merchant of Hobart; John, born February 27, 1794, a farmer of Delaware and Otsego Counties; Elizabeth, born October 8, 1799, married Alexander Easton, a sailor until forty-five, then a farmer. All the above are now deceased.

James Wetmore, the father of our subject, was born and reared in Delaware County, and when a young man engaged in mercantile pursuits at Bovina, which he followed for some time, but at a later period turned his attention to farming. He bought land in the town of Stamford, and became one of the most extensive and prosperous farmers in that section, accumulating a considerable property. He was a Jeffersonian Democrat

and took an active interest in the affairs of his party. He was a member of the Episcopal Church. His wife, Hannah, was a daughter of Moses Sackrider, a man of prominence and influence in Delaware County; he was a member of one of the old Dutch families of Kinderhook, N. Y., and was very wealthy. To Mr. and Mrs. Wetmore were born the following children: Solomon S. D., born in 1810, a prosperous and wealthy farmer of Delaware County; Thomas H., born in 1812, now deceased, was a farmer by occupation; Mary H., born in 1816, wife of Rodney Dunham, a farmer of Davenport, this state, both deceased; James K.; Charles, born in 1826, lives on the old homestead in Stamford; Henry O. died in early boyhood.

James K. Wetmore was educated in the common schools of his county, and reared on his father's farm, where he lived until his marriage, November 18, 1847, to Miss Amelia Butts, a daughter of Henry Butts; he then went to Davenport Center, Delaware County, and engaged in conducting a hotel and farming. The hotel business he conducted for seven years, and then disposed of his hotel, and purchased a farm near Oneonta, where he remained eleven years. In 1866 he took up his residence in Bainbridge and became identified with mercantile business for three years, when he began to deal extensively in live stock, and also in general produce and wool. He is a shrewd business man, and can tell just what class of goods is most apt to be profitable; when is the time to sell to the best advantage; and when to hold his stock. He is a very public-spirited man, and it was largely through his efforts and influ-

ence that the First National Bank of Bainbridge was established. He saw the need of the institution, and that it could be made to pay a good dividend, and was the first man in the village to suggest its organization. This bank was organized in 1882, and he has been connected with it in some capacity ever since. The first officers were: president, Jervis Prince, now deceased; vice-president, Joseph Bush, also deceased; cashier, Irving Pruyn; directors—James K. Wetmore, H. G. Phelps, William Laimbeer, M. L. Keyes, and James Yale, deceased. Mr. Wetmore was chosen vice-president in 1890, and in 1891 was elected president, which office he still holds. Ervin Ramsdall is vice-president; Ralph W. Kirby is cashier; and the directors are—William Moshier of Bainbridge, H. G. Phelps of Sidney, M. L. Keyes, I. L. Pruyn, Elliott Danforth, and H. D. Copley, the latter succeeding C. S. Hynds. Mr. Wetmore is a Democrat, believing in the single gold standard. He is a man well and favorably known all over the county, but nowhere is he more highly regarded than in the village in which he lives. Mr. and Mrs. Wetmore are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, earnest and consistent. They have but one child, a daughter, Angelia W., born August 11, 1849. She is the widow of George L. Windsor, a prominent young lawyer, who practiced before the Chenango County bar. They were married September 29, 1874, and but four short years had passed away, when he was called from his labors, leaving a large circle of friends to mourn him. They were the parents of one child, George, born May 12, 1876, but this bright blossom was only

given for a short time; it was transplanted to the Heavenly Home, March 12, 1878.

We present on another page in proximity to this a portrait of Mr. Wetmore, executed from a recent photograph.

WILLIAM M. WADSWORTH, who with his brother, Erastus J., conducts a drug and grocery store in the village of Mt. Upton, is one of that community's enterprising and progressive business men. He was born in Cazenovia, Madison County, N. Y., March 27, 1860, and is a son of Rev. William A. and Nancy (Parker) Wadsworth. The family comes of good old Puritan stock, and traces its ancestry back to one of three brothers, who located in the State of Massachusetts, sometime during the seventeenth century. William A. Wadsworth, the grandfather of our subject, with one of his brothers, upon leaving Massachusetts, came to this state and settled near where Utica is now situated. They were among the earliest pioneer settlers in that district. His brother later located in Genesee County. Our subject's grandfather reared a family of nine children, of whom William A. was the fifth born.

William A. Wadsworth was reared on his father's farm, and was educated for the ministry. After completing a preparatory course in Winfield Academy, he attended a theological seminary in the city of Boston, and was ordained to preach when he was thirty years of age. He was originally connected with the Oneida Conference, but later trans-

ferred to the Wyoming Conference. During his career as a minister, he filled some of the best charges in the conference, among them: Mt. Upton; Norwich; Unadilla; and Coopers-town. He was a true and devout Christian, and by his faithful and earnest endeavors, won many to the cause of Christianity. He was united in marriage with Nancy Parker, a daughter of Hiram Parker, who was a pioneer farmer of Cazenovia. Three children blessed this union, namely: William M., who heads these lines; Erastus J., who is a partner in business with William M.; and Parker, who lives in Cazenovia.

William M. Wadsworth received his education in Cazenovia Seminary of Cazenovia. He then engaged in farming in the town of Guilford. For fourteen years he labored industriously, and at the end of that time owned a farm of 140 acres as a fruit of his labors. He then entered business in the village of Mt. Upton, but still retained the ownership of the farm. Dr. B. F. Smith engaged in the drug and grocery business, and Mr. Wadsworth was given full charge of the same. Upon the death of Dr. Smith, Erastus J. Wadsworth became a partner, and they have conducted the business since. They carry a full line of groceries, patent medicines, paints, oils, crockery, etc., and produce in season. They enjoy a large share of the patronage of the citizens of Mt. Upton and vicinity, and are conducting their trade operations on business principles.

He formed a matrimonial alliance with Catherine M. Colburn, a daughter of the late Amasa Colburn, August 22, 1879. They are the parents of the following children: Wil-

liam A.; Carrie; Catherine; Claude; and Carl. In religious belief, he is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has held many of the minor offices of that organization. Politically, he is a Republican, and was elected to the office of justice of the peace, and has held it since 1893. Socially, he is a member of the A. O. U. W., Mt. Upton Lodge, No. 200.

CHARLES L. CARRIER, who is one of Sherburne's young and progressive business men, is junior member of the firm, Collins & Carrier, dealers in boots and shoes, and gents' furnishings. He was born in Sherburne, Chenango County, N. Y., March 13, 1871. He was the only son born to Rush W. and Lovisa L. (Reese) Carrier.

His grandfather was Harley Carrier, who was a native of Bainbridge, but later became a resident of Sherburne. He earned a competency by dyeing cloth and dresses, and carding wool. He married Lovinia S. White, who passed to her eternal reward in 1884. Their union resulted in the birth of three children, all deceased; they were as follows: Rush W., the father of our subject; Charles D.; and Dwight.

Rush W. Carrier was born in Marshall, Madison County, N. Y., and later came to Sherburne. After completing his schooling, he followed the calling of a harness maker. He soon became an expert, and, as soon as he had gained enough experience, opened a shop of his own. His hand-made harness proved

much more servicable than any that could be made by machine, and his skill became well known throughout the county. During the twenty years he was in business, he was looked upon as the leading harness maker in the county, and he did a large and profitable business. He was an extensive real estate owner, owning four houses on Chapel Street. After the war broke out, he put aside his work and enlisted in 1862, and served until 1864. He was a member of the 76th Reg., N. Y. Vol. Inf., and was in many important battles. He was in the thickest of the fight at the second battle of Bull Run, and received a wound from which he never recovered. A bullet entered his left hip and was never extracted, thus ruining his constitution. He returned home, but his health was very poor, and he passed away in November, 1896. His memory is held in grateful remembrance by his family and friends, who are proud of his record as a patriotic citizen, who gave up both a happy home and a successful business to do battle for his country. His wife was formerly Lovisa L. Reese, who was born in Sherburne, Chenango County, N. Y., and is a daughter of Otto A. Reese. She was a kind and loving wife and mother, and has many friends in the village of Sherburne, where she now lives. Mr. and Mrs. Carrier's union was blessed by the birth of one son, Charles L., our subject. In political life Mr. Carrier was an unswerving Republican, and at one time was president of the village corporation.

Charles L. Carrier's intellectual training was begun in the common schools of Sherburne, and supplemented in the Fort Plain



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Military Academy. Upon leaving school, he went to Erie, Pa., where he was employed as bookkeeper for one year. He returned to Sherburne, and in January, 1893, in company with Levi Collins, purchased the gents' furnishing store of W. F. Jaquith. The store is centrally located at No. 6 North Main Street, and is well stocked with an excellent line of goods. It is neat and orderly, and everything about the place has the appearance of prosperity. Mr. Carrier is one of few men who can successfully carry on more than one line of business at the same time. In 1897, he formed a partnership with Mr. Tillotson, as undertakers, and they enjoy the patronage of a large share of the citizens of the village.

Mr. Carrier formed a matrimonial alliance with Miss Louise A. Fuller, who comes from one of the most prominent families of Sherburne. She is a daughter of Hon. Charles A. Fuller, whose personal history will be found elsewhere in this book. Mr. Carrier takes an active interest in politics, and is a member of the Republican party. He has served as clerk of the water board, chief of the fire department, and foreman of the Whitmore Hose Company. All of these offices he has filled satisfactorily and in a manner that gained him many friends. He is a well educated man, informed on all current topics, and takes a deep interest in public improvements.

DANIEL B. CUSHMAN. The Chenango County Bar has an excellent representative in the person of the subject of this sketch, whose name appears

above, and whose portrait is shown on the opposite page. His own native ability and rare judgment, his excellent education, and his many years of practical experience in the courts of the State of New York all conspire to give him a prestige, that is enjoyed by few other attorneys of his district. Since commencing his professional career in Norwich, he has met with steady success, that has resulted in his securing for himself a large and lucrative practice, and in his building up a good-sized competency. Mr. Cushman was born at Plymouth, Chenango County, in December, 1853, and was a son of Danford R. and Ruth (Potter) Cushman, and grandson of Luke Cushman, a resident of the State of Connecticut. He traces his ancestry back to Robert Cushman, who came to this country in the Mayflower.

Danford R. Cushman was born in Tolland County, Conn., and after receiving a common school education began to trade in furs in New York and Pennsylvania, trafficking and dealing with the Indians all through this and other regions farther south. He continued this commercial activity for six years, and then bought a large tract of land in Plymouth township, Chenango County, where he resided in comfort the remaining years of his life, engaged the while in following pursuits of an agricultural nature. He was a Democrat in his politics, and an active member of the Baptist Church. He was a very good man, strictly honest, the reverse of quarrelsome, and the most constant of friends. In all his long life, which extended to as late a date as May 30, 1893, he was never a party to a law-suit, and was never sued. His was

a singularly peaceful life, with no enemies to wish him ill, and with as many friends as acquaintances, for to know him was to love and respect him. Four children composed his family, as follows: George P., now deceased, who was at one time master of the State Grange of New York; Bert, deceased; Lorin; and Daniel B., the subject of this writing. Mrs. Cushman passed from life's scenes January 10, 1875.

Daniel B. Cushman was given one of the best educations possible to procure. From the public schools of his native town, he went to Yale University, and graduated in 1876. His legal education was obtained in the Columbia College Law School of New York City, finishing his course in 1878. He at once located in Norwich, Chenango County, for the practice of his profession, and has been identified with legal proceedings ever since. He is also a large real estate owner, and has a number of fine farms. He has the degrees of A. M. and LL. D. While in college he won distinction as an athlete, and took the prize for wrestling.

Mr. Cushman is a Democrat in his political affiliations, and was supervisor of the town of Plymouth for several years. In 1882 he made a gallant fight for election to the office of district attorney; he was defeated by a very small margin, the county then going strongly Republican. He was appointed by Governor Flower as a trustee of the Binghamton State Insane Asylum, and held that office a number of years until the expiration of his term.

Our subject was united in the bonds of matrimony, December 4, 1891, to Sadie Van

Cleft, a daughter of Rev. A. J. Van Cleft, which union has been blessed with the birth of one son, Jesse Danford; and one daughter, Ruth Elizabeth. Mr. Cushman is a member of the Masonic Order, Norwich Lodge, No. 102, F. & A. M.

CHARLES E. KEOUGH, who conducts the leading drug and grocery store of Smithville Flats, was born in the town of German, Chenango County, N. Y., March 11, 1852. He is a son of Francis and Eleanor (Ramsey) Keough.

Francis Keough was born in County Monaghan, Ireland, in 1817, and left the "ould sod" for the United States in 1837, on the day which witnessed the coronation of Queen Victoria. He located in the town of German, in 1840, where he purchased a fine farm of 100 acres, and became one of the good solid farmers of that community. He was united in marriage with Eleanor Ramsey, who was also a native of Ireland, and they became the parents of the following children: Margaret, wife of Milo V. Carr, who has charge of the Rushmore Creamery of Norwich, and is now a candidate for sheriff; Jane Elizabeth, deceased, was the wife of George Dunning; John Franklin, who is a farmer of the town of German; Charles E., in whom the interest of this sketch centers; James R., who is proprietor of a saloon at Smithville Flats; Mary Mariah, the wife of Julian Seeber of Frankford, Herkimer County, who is a barber by trade; William Robert, a resident of Binghamton; Joseph G., who has charge of

a milk station in Schoharie County; Eleanor, who is now deceased; and Francis, who makes his home in the village of Norwich. Our subject's beloved mother passed into the world of rest in 1864, at the age of forty-two years.

Charles E. Keough was reared upon the farm until he was twelve years of age, and received his education in the district schools of Greene and German. At the age of twelve, he went to live with his uncle, Dr. M. M. Wood of Greene. He attended school and worked in his uncle's drug store for some years. In 1874, he moved to Smithville Flats, and entered the employ of Purdy & Skillman, proprietors of a drug and grocery store. He was a man of good habits, industrious and energetic, and during the five years he clerked for that firm, he not only gained greatly in experience, but saved a part of his salary, and in 1879 was able to purchase the store. He has since conducted it, and in such a manner as to gain for him the patronage of the leading citizens of the village. He also follows farming and deals extensively in real estate. He owns twelve valuable lots in the city of Binghamton, and a half interest in the opera house at Smithville Flats. He also owns a farm in the northern part of the town of Smithville, consisting of 180 acres of good farm land, well supplied with good buildings and other modern improvements, which are so necessary for carrying on farming successfully.

Mr. Keough formed a matrimonial alliance January 1, 1878, with Miss Flora E. Nichols, a daughter of Harvey Nichols, a blacksmith of McDonough. One daughter, Josie E.,

was born to bless their union. In political belief, Mr. Keough is a staunch Republican, and was appointed postmaster of Smithville Flats under President Harrison. Socially, he belongs to Victor Lodge, No. 111, I. O. O. F., of Smithville Flats. He is also a member of Chenango Encampment, No. 51, I. O. O. F., of Norwich.

THE AMERICAN SEPARATOR COMPANY of Bainbridge township, in the few years that have marked its growth since its inception, September 4, 1894, has made such a reputation for itself by reason of the excellence of its products, that it is entitled to rank with the first enterprises of Chenango County. Certainly, it has done much to familiarize the public at large with the name of Bainbridge, for the company has had its American Cream Separator in a number of exhibitions with great credit, winning first place, among many competitors, at the St. Louis Industrial Exposition of 1897, and carrying off first honors also at the Toronto Expositions of 1896 and 1897. Many old, and heretofore considered standard separators, were in competition, but the Bainbridge machine proved itself far superior, and demonstrated its points of excellence to an appreciative public, quick to perceive and to reward real merit. It is the consensus of opinions among the creamery operators, who have seen the American Cream Separator in operation, that it is destined to become the leading article of its

kind in the market. The simplicity of its mechanism, and the satisfactory way in which it accomplishes the work designed for it, are elements that must commend the product of the American Separator Co. to universal favor. Orders are now coming in faster than they can be filled, and success is in every way assured. The fondest expectations of the projectors have already been fully realized. The American Separator Co. was organized June 1, 1895, and was capitalized at \$50,000.00, of which \$20,000.00 was preferred stock. The officers chosen were: Charles C. Hovey, president; William C. Gibson, since deceased, vice-president; Owen L. Crumb, secretary and treasurer; Ernest L. Hartman, superintendent of manufacturing; Thomas Collins, superintendent of sales and agencies; Edson C. Burdick, acting secretary and superintendent of the corresponding department; Prof. Fred. W. Crumb, director; and Wadsworth B. Matterson, attorney.

It must be a matter of some interest to the citizens of Bainbridge township and the county at large to read of the success of this company, which interest no doubt extends to a desire to read the history of the men who brought the company into being, and who have since directed its course. On other pages of this work will be found narrations of the lives of Charles C. Hovey, O. L. Crumb, Prof. Fred. W. Crumb, and Wadsworth B. Matterson. We shall, therefore, confine ourselves to relating the salient points in the lives of Ernest L. Hartman, Thomas Collins, and Edson C. Burdick.

Ernest L. Hartman, the superintendent of

manufacturing, was born in Werdau, Germany, in 1848, and was a son of Andreas and Henrietta (Buchert) Hartman, both natives of that province. Andreas Hartman was a machinist by trade; he came to the United States in 1871, and located at Greenfield, Mass., where he died. Our subject is one of a family of sixteen children, of whom nine are still living,—six boys and three girls. Ernest L. Hartman learned the machinist's trade in his father's shop in Germany, and came to America in 1867, and has ever since followed his trade. He readily found employment in some of the best machine shops of America, among which were Wiley & Russell, Holyoke Machine Shop, James Smith & Co., and the Pratt & Whitney Co. About the time he came to this country, the first cream separators were coming into the United States from Sweden. Finding a great increase in their business, and also wishing to avoid the heavy duty on machinery, the Swedish concerns arranged to start a branch company in America, hiring their machines made on contract in the shops, where Mr. Hartman was foreman; for about nine years he continued to superintend the construction of these separators, directly and indirectly. It was, therefore, no small item in the success of the American Separator Co. of Bainbridge that Mr. Hartman was one of the inventors of the American Cream Separator, and among the organizers of the American Separator Co. From the first he has acted as superintendent of the manufacturing department, and has personally overseen the construction of each separator turned out of the shop. In Feb-

ruary, 1870, Mr. Hartman was united in marriage with Margaret Reuth, and to them were born the following children: Anna; William; Walter; Louisa; and Edith.

Thomas Collins, the superintendent of agencies, who shares with Ernest L. Hartman the honor of inventing the American Cream Separator, is a practical machinist and able business man, and has abundance of experience in constructing separators. He was born in London, England, February 22, 1866, and is a son of Thomas and Isabella (Lonsdale) Collins, both natives of that city. The father of our subject was a ship-builder, with his yard on the Thames River. Thomas Collins was educated in the public schools of England, and in the Polytechnic School of Stockholm, especial attention being given to a full and complete study of mechanics. Upon completing his trade education, he entered the employ of the Aktiebolaget Separator Co. of Stockholm, Sweden, which company is well known in creamery and dairy circles over the United States as the De Laval Separator Co. In their interests he came to America, in 1887, and represented the company in Philadelphia until 1889, when he engaged for himself in the creamery business in Winchester, N. H. From 1891 until 1894 he busied himself in perfecting a machine, known as a butter accumulator. In 1894, with Ernest L. Hartman, Mr. Collins invented and patented the American Cream Separator, and accomplished in the same year the organization of the American Separator Co. He is a shrewd, enterprising young man, and all who know him predict a bright future. Mr. Collins

married Elizabeth Brennan, daughter of Patrick Brennan, a native of Dublin, Ireland, January 21, 1892, and to bless their home have come three children: Isabella M.; Thomas; and Edwin L. He is a member of the Episcopal Church.

Edson C. Burdick, the superintendent of the corresponding department, and acting secretary, is a son of Luke C. and Martha L. (York) Burdick, and was born May 3, 1867, in the township of Lincklaen, Chenango County. The father of our subject was also a native of Lincklaen where, he farmed all his life. He was a son of Phineas Burdick, who was born in the State of Connecticut, and came to Lincklaen at an early day, when the country was a wilderness of forest. Luke Burdick reared a family of one son and two daughters, as follows: Etta, who died at the age of four years; Edson C., our subject; and Cora, the wife of Frank L. Coon, who lives on the old Burdick homestead. The subject of this brief sketch completed his education at the De Ruyter Union School, graduating in 1891, and then went into the mercantile business with his cousin, at De Ruyter, under the firm name of Cardner & Burdick. After a year and a half in the grocery business, Mr. Burdick sold out, and taught school for two years in the Woodstock Graded Union School. He removed to Bainbridge in 1893, and became connected with the Swedish Cream and Butter Separator Co., as bookkeeper. In 1895 Mr. Burdick took a position with the American Separator Co., of which he became one of the organizers and stockholders. He is now acting secretary of the company. In politics

he is a Republican. On June 6, 1894, he married Cora L. Stillman, a daughter of Jesse Stillman, who now resides in De Ruyter, Madison County, N. Y.

PHILETUS A. HAYES, M. D., who entered upon a practice in Afton in 1871, has succeeded beyond his fondest expectations, and now has an established practice, which will compare favorably with any in this section of the country. He is a son of Caleb F. and Harriet N. (West) Hayes, and was born in the town of Barker, Broome County, September 10, 1848.

The Hayes family is of Welsh decent and is one of the oldest and most distinguished families of the New England States. The members of this family trace their ancestry back in an unbroken line to one, Samuel F. Hayes, who lived in the southern part of the State of Vermont about the year 1700. His son, Samuel, came to the State of New York and settled in Dutchess County, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and became one of the leading citizens of that community. Samuel Hayes, a son of the Samuel named above, was the great-grandfather of our subject, and was also an agriculturist by occupation.

Rev. Caleb Hayes, our subject's grandfather, moved to Broome County in 1800, and lived there until his death in 1856, aged eighty-five years. His entire life was devoted to the work of Christ, and he was an expounder of the doctrines of the Baptist Church. His life was one of much good,

and he materially aided the cause of Christianity in his vicinity. He was the father of twelve children, six sons and six daughters, one of whom was Caleb F., the father of our subject.

Caleb F. Hayes was born in Broome County, July 12, 1813, and resided there his entire life. He was a prosperous farmer, well and favorably known throughout the county, and had a large number of friends. He was an active member of the Baptist Church, and filled most of the important offices of the local society. He was united in marriage with Harriet N. West, who was born November 3, 1819, and still survives her husband. She enjoys excellent health, and is now living at Castle Creek, Broome County. As a result of their union, three children were born: Eugene, a farmer of Castle Creek; Philetus A., the subject of this personal history; and Mary A., the wife of George F. Stackpole, an attorney of River Head, Long Island. Prior to her marriage, she graduated from the Oswego Normal School, and taught several terms. Mr. Hayes' useful life came to a close May 22, 1862, at the age of forty-nine years.

Philetus A. Hayes was reared on the farm and received his preliminary education in the district schools, after which he took a course in the Greene Union school, and later in the Greene Academy, from which he graduated in 1868. He then took up the study of medicine under the tutelage of Dr. S. P. Allen of Castle Creek; by teaching during the summer months he earned enough to attend the Geneva Medical College in the winter. After graduating from that institu-



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tion of learning in January, 1870, he began the practice of his profession at Killawog, Broome County. He remained there one year, and then came to Afton, where he has since resided, and has had charge of a large, general practice. He has the confidence of all his patients, to whom he is a friend as well as physician. He is looked upon as one who has elevated the standard of his profession, and possesses the esteem of his fellow-practitioners, with whom he has always dealt fairly and honestly.

Dr. Hayes formed a matrimonial alliance, September 30, 1869, with Permelia M. Huntly, a daughter of Joseph and Adelia Huntly of Broome County. Their union was blessed by the birth of one son, Carleton H., who was born in 1882. The doctor is an active member of the Baptist Church, and has been superintendent of the Sunday School for eight years past. Politically, he is an unswerving Republican, and has been called upon to serve the party in many offices of trust. He has held the office of coroner for six terms, and has often been a delegate to county, district, and state conventions. In 1896, he was a delegate to the state convention, and helped nominate Frank S. Black for Governor. Socially, he is a member of the Chenango County Medical Society, of which he is vice-president; the New York Medical Association; and an honorary member of the Broome County Medical Society. He is a member of Afton Lodge, No. 360, F. & A. M.; Vallonia Chapter, No. 80, R. A. M.; and Norwich Commandery, No. 46. He is also a member of Calumet Tribe, No. 174, Improved Order of Red Men.

AUGUSTUS W. SLATER, a leading agriculturist of the town of Preston, is a remarkable man, not only in the manner in which he manages his extensive farming interests, but also in the rare good judgment he displays in all matters brought to his notice. He is a son of Nelson M. and Mary A. (Kelsey) Slater, and was born January 5, 1835. He remembers seeing his grandfather, although but three years old at the time. This grandfather, Moses Slater, came from Vermont when his son, Nelson M., was but four years old, and located in the town of Preston. After a short residence at this place, he moved to the town of McDonough, this county, being one of the first settlers, and there he passed the remainder of his life, working at his chosen pursuit, which was that of agriculture. He married Miss Mill Fisher, who was the mother of his three children: Louis; Delanay; and Nelson M., the father of our subject. Moses Slater died at the age of forty-two.

Nelson M. Slater was born in Vermont, came to Preston at an early age and married and settled in the town of McDonough, where his parents resided. He received a good common school education, and was a man who made the most of his advantages, being considered one of the substantial farmers of the town. He lived in McDonough from early childhood, and had the respect and esteem of his fellow-citizens; this was shown by their choosing him for several town offices. He was a Democrat, as was his father before him. At the time of his death, which occurred at the age of sixty-two, he owned one of the largest farms of

the town, which was among the best improved. He was a member of the Home Guards Training Co., and an influential member of the Baptist Church of Preston. He was the father of two children: Hartwell N., and Augustus W., our subject.

Augustus W. Slater received his early education in the public schools of the town of McDonough. Later he attended select schools, and afterwards was a student under David G. Barber for several terms at Norwich Academy. After leaving school, Mr. Slater was engaged as a teacher for several terms, a work for which he was particularly adapted; he was possessed of that happy faculty, so especially desirable in teachers, of so presenting a subject that it was most readily understood and easily remembered. He gave to his school his most earnest efforts, and it was with sincere regret that his patrons heard of his decision to retire from that field of usefulness. After teaching for nine terms, he married and moved on a farm and soon became known as one of the most skillful farmers, a calling which had always had great attractions for him.

On November 14, 1861, he led to the altar L. Jane Rogers, daughter of Zebulon Rogers, a native of Connecticut. Mr. Slater and his bride began housekeeping on a farm in the town of McDonough, where they continued to reside for ten years. In the course of time, two children came to bless this home: Burton E., a farmer by occupation, married May G. Franklin, and resides with his father; Georgia L., the second child, had only reached the threshold of young womanhood, when she received the call to the Heavenly Home, on

September 11, 1892, at the age of eighteen years. In 1871 Mr. Slater moved from the farm he was then occupying to the home in the town of Preston, where he now resides. This farm consists of fourteen acres, and is a very attractive piece of land, it having been brought to its present state of perfection by its present owner. It is well suited for the use to which it has been chiefly put—dairying, for Mr. Slater has given that branch of farming much careful consideration, and has placed on the market an article of butter of fancy grade, a class of goods that can not be excelled in the state. He has proven conclusively, that there is such a thing as scientific farming, and successful farming, at that. Ever an earnest student, even in his early schooldays, he still retains that trait, and keeps well posted in what is going on in the world of science and letters, and is not slow to see and also to apply a principle that will be of advantage to him. He is not one to take up with a plausible appearing scheme simply because it is new-fangled, but if, on deliberation, he thinks it suited to his purpose, the idea is adopted, seldom without showing the wisdom of his choice. He is one of the largest farmers of the town, owning two large farms besides the homestead, as well as another farm near Oxford, in Preston township, making about 390 acres in all. These farms he has rented out. He has always been a Democrat, has served for nine terms as supervisor, and at present is a justice of the peace. He is connected with the following fraternal orders: Oxford Lodge No. 175, F. & A. M.; the Grange at Preston Corners; during the Rebellion he belonged

to the New York State Guards. He has always been identified with all movements tending toward the advancement of local interests, and his advice is much sought in matters where a clear head and sound judgment are needed.

Portraits of both Mr. and Mrs. Slater are shown on preceding pages, and will be viewed with a large degree of interest by their many friends and acquaintances.

CHARLES H. SANFORD, deceased. The gentleman, whose name heads this sketch, met his death as the result of an accident January 3, 1884, and the village of Sherburne was called upon to mourn for the loss of one of her most prominent and progressive citizens. It was on this date that Mr. Sanford started for Syracuse. He was obliged to change cars at Earlville, and it was necessary to signal the train he wished to take at that point. As the train pulled into the station, in some unaccountable manner he slipped from the station platform beneath the cars, and two coaches passed over his arm and wrist, and a bad gash was cut in his forehead. It was found necessary to amputate his arm, but the shock proved too great for him, and he passed into the world of rest a few hours later. It was a sad blow to his loving wife and many friends, who loved and honored him as a kind husband, and a true friend.

Charles H. Sanford was born in the town of Sherburne, Chenango County, N. Y., June 10, 1844, and was a son of Sidney D. and

Margaret (Jones) Sanford. His grandfather was Edmund Sanford, who was born October 25, 1781, at Litchfield, Conn., and moved to Herkimer County, N. Y., in 1800, and later came to Chenango County. He settled near where his son Sidney D. Sanford now lives, and engaged in the manufacture of hats. He established a large trade there, and made it a well known place of business. His companion through life was Sarah Lynd, by whom he had the following children: Caroline; Charles W.; Edmund; Sarah Eliza; Horatio; and Sidney D., the father of our subject.

Sidney D. Sanford was born in the town of Sherburne, February 16, 1819. He followed speculating as a means of earning a livelihood and was eminently successful. He accumulated considerable wealth, purchased the farms owned by Hubbard & Gardner, and in 1876 erected one of the finest houses in the county. Besides speculating he loans money and is engaged in brokerage to a considerable extent. Although he is now nearly eighty years of age, he is still active and energetic and in the best of health. September 12, 1843, he was united in marriage with Margaret Jones, a daughter of David H. Jones, and they became the proud parents of two children: Charles H., our subject; and Caroline Eliza.

Charles H. Sanford received an excellent common school and college education, after which he accepted a position as clerk in the Sherburne National Bank. After a time he traveled abroad, and upon returning to this county entered the hardware business with Walter F. Blanchard, under the firm name of Sanford & Blanchard. Mr. Blanchard was suc-

ceeded in the business by J. P. Wilbur, and the firm became Sanford & Wilbur, but later our subject secured control of the entire business. It was his aim to do business promptly, systematically, and successfully, and under his skillful management it became the most complete and elegant store in Sherburne. He always identified himself with any measure which had for its ultimate aim the advancement of Sherburne, and he was looked upon as one of her progressive citizens and held in esteem by the entire community. He never sought public office, but was willing to perform his duty when called upon to do so. He was chosen as town auditor, and in performing the duties of that position the same keen judgment was used that characterized his own business ventures. He recognized the need of a first-class fire department in the village, and his whole influence was used in keeping that organization up to a high standard of efficiency.

Mr. Sanford formed a matrimonial alliance with Marion A. Blanchard, who was born at Poolville, Madison County, N. Y. She is a daughter of Walter F. and Amanda (Williams) Blanchard, and a grand-daughter of Walter Blanchard. Walter F. Blanchard was born at Stockbridge, Mass., and upon coming to this state located at Poolville, where he was engaged in making sashes and blinds. He then moved to the Quarter where he was engaged in the same line of business until the establishment burned down. He built a new factory and operated it until 1885, when it too burned to the ground. Although very unfortunate in having his property destroyed by fire, he was nevertheless very successful

and was recognized as one of the prosperous men of the village. After the last disaster he retired from active life and lived the remainder of his life in ease, dying in the month of January, 1886, aged sixty-four years. He was united in marriage with Amanda Williams, a daughter of William Williams of Cazenovia, N. Y., and they were the parents of one daughter, Marion A., the wife of our subject. Mrs. Blanchard met her death at the age of seventy years by being thrown from a buggy. As a result of their union, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford became the parents of one son, Walter S., who is now a sophomore in Yale University. In religious belief, they were members of the Episcopal Church. Mrs. Sanford now owns and resides in the beautiful home on Main Street, which was erected by her father. Since the place has been in her possession she has made many important improvements, making it one of the most beautiful residences in the village of Sherburne. Mrs. Sanford is a woman of many virtues, kind, loving and charitable, and has many friends.

EUGENE M. SPENCER, a progressive farmer of Greene, who has made a splendid record for successful work along agricultural lines, and is an honor alike to his township and his county as a representative of the best class of citizens, was born in Af-ton, Chenango County, October 2, 1853. He is a son of Dr. Herschel D. and Alvina (Marcy) Spencer. The Spencers are of English origin, and were among the first settlers of the Mohawk Valley.

The great-grandfather of our subject was born in the Mohawk Valley and spent most of his days following the pursuits of an agriculturist. He was a well known and highly respected class-leader and preacher of the Baptist Church. Later he moved to the Unadilla Valley, Otsego County, where he spent his remaining years.

Dr. Gaius L. Spencer, grandfather of our subject, was born in Unadilla, March 9, 1794. He followed farming until he attained the age of nineteen years, when he took up the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Kolby Knapp of Guilford, this county. After remaining there one year, he entered the office of Dr. P. Smith of Masonville, Delaware County, N. Y.; thence he went to the office of Dr. Stockton of Walton, where he finished his studies, and on April 1, 1817, was licensed to practice by the Delaware County Medical Association. In the following month he began the practice of his chosen profession in the town of Triangle, Broome County, where he met with great success. He soon arose to be the leading physician of that town, and as such enjoyed the confidence and esteem of a large number of patrons in that borough and scattered about in the surrounding country. He was one of the early members of the Broome County Medical Association, and took an active part in the advancement of that organization. He passed from this life June 18, 1852, in the village of Triangle. He was married to Lucy Cady, a native of Norfolk, Conn., and a resident of Guilford, and they reared six children, who were as follows: Caroline M., who married William Baldwin, now deceased, of Binghamton, N.

Y., after the death of her first husband, John W. Blakeslee; Erasmus S. D., a commercial traveler, whose headquarters were in Binghamton, who died August 13, 1896; Dr. Herschel D., the father of our subject; Dr. Cyrenius D., one of the leading physicians of Binghamton, N. Y.; Lawrence H., a commercial traveler of Binghamton, died December 5, 1890; and Dr. Marshall D., a prominent physician of Guilford, this county.

Dr. Herschel D. Spencer was born in Triangle, August 4, 1823. Belonging to a class of men whose duties compel them to be not only healers, but also to be counsellors and advisers as well in matters of the most delicate nature, he has done well by his large clientele. That his name is respected and his individuality esteemed is but a well-earned reward for his faithful efforts. He studied medicine under the watchful eye of his father, and then entered the Berkshire Medical College of Pittsfield, Mass., graduating November 8, 1848. He then practiced with his father a short time, when he moved to the village of Afton, where he soon built up a large and successful practice. He was joined in marriage with Alvina Marcy, daughter of Ambrose L. Marcy. To Dr. and Mrs. Spencer were born the following children: Eugene M., who heads the above lines; and Virgil C., deceased. Dr. Spencer passed from this life at South Bainbridge July 27, 1857. Mrs. Spencer died in 1856.

Eugene M. Spencer was reared by his uncle, John Marcy, a prominent farmer of Greene, the parents of our subject dying when he was three years of age. He was educated in the public schools of Oxford and

at Gilbertsville Academy. When he reached the age of manhood he engaged in the lumber business in the above town, and followed that line of business for eighteen years. In 1893 he engaged in farming, which pursuit is now occupying most of his time. Mr. Spencer is an active member of the Grange, being a past master of Genegantslett Grange, No. 555, and is at the present time serving his third year as county deputy; he has also been secretary of the County Grange since 1894, and was a delegate to the State Grange in 1894-96-97. In politics, he is a staunch Republican. Religiously, he is a member of the Congregational Church.

September 7, 1876, Mr. Spencer was joined in wedlock with Alice Harrington, daughter of William S. and Maria M. (Bradley) Harrington. A sketch of the Bradley family appears elsewhere in this work, under the title of Daniel D. Bradley, who is an uncle of Mrs. Spencer on her mother's side; the ancestral history of the Harrington family is contained in the biography of George N. Harrington. As a result of Mr. Spencer's marriage three children were born to him: H. Dorsey, a student at Hamilton College; Alvina M., a teacher; and Mildred A. Mr. Spencer is now devoting his time to agricultural pursuits.

RON. TRUMAN I. MATTERSON.
This prominent and public-spirited citizen of New Berlin, who in 1885 was elected to represent this county in the State Assembly, is now engaged in the gran-

ite and marble business. He is a son of Abel and Laura (Potter) Matterson, and was born in the village of South Edmeston, Otsego County, N. Y., September 25, 1840.

His grandfather, Abel Matterson, Sr., was a native of the State of Vermont, and at an early age came to New York State, and located at Burlington, Otsego County. He was considered an extensive farmer in those days, and followed agricultural pursuits all his life. In 1803, he was killed by a falling tree and buried in West Burlington Cemetery. His tomb bears the following epitaph:

"The caus of his deth,
As was toled me,
Was a dethly blow
From a little tree."

He was united in marriage with Miss Goff, who was closely related to Judge N. Goff, and they reared a family of eight children, four sons and four daughters.

Abel Matterson, the father of our subject, was born in Burlington, in October, 1796, and at the age of twenty-one years moved to Columbus, Chenango County, where he engaged in the blacksmith business. He remained there until 1839, when he moved to South Edmeston, and followed agricultural pursuits until his death. He owned a fine farm of 160 acres, and by industrious work and good management became one of the prosperous farmers of the community. In politics, he was formerly a Whig, but became a Republican, when that party was organized. He was elected to many of the town offices, being supervisor of Columbus two terms, also assessor of Edmeston for a number of years. He was united in matrimonial bonds



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with Miss Laura Potter, who was born in the village of Burlington in 1800, and they were the parents of nine children, four daughters, who died young, and five sons, who grew to maturity, namely: Icilus T., who died at the age of twenty-one years; Nelson W., who lived in Columbus and died in 1897, was a farmer and merchant; Menzo D., a retired farmer living at South Edmeston; Delos W., a farmer living in Columbus; and Truman I., who is the subject of this personal history. In religious views, they were Universalists, and contributed largely toward the support of that church. Mr. Matterson died in 1873, and his wife survived him twelve years, dying at the age of eighty-five years.

Truman I. Matterson attended the common and select schools of Edmeston, after which he took a course in the Oxford Academy. Leaving school at the age of nineteen years, he taught six years in Chenango and Otsego Counties. He then engaged in merchandising at South Edmeston, where he conducted a store until 1862. He then sold out, and in 1867 moved to New Berlin, where he formed a partnership with his wife's father, and they conducted the store until 1884 under the firm name of Demock & Matterson. In that year he engaged in the marble and granite business, and has been in that business since and with good results. He also owns an excellent farm in Otsego County, which he rents. He owns considerable valuable real estate in the village of New Berlin.

Mr. Matterson was united in marriage in 1862, with Miss Cornelia A. Demock, a daughter of R. B. Demock, deceased, of New Berlin. Their union was blessed by

the birth of one daughter, Nellie E., who died at the age of seventeen years. Socially, our subject is a member of the Phoebe Lodge, No. 82, F. & A. M. Politically, he is a Republican, and cast his vote for Lincoln. His first public office was that of town clerk of New Berlin, which he held for three years. In 1877 he was elected justice of the peace, and held that position for sixteen successive years; he then missed one term, but in 1896, was again elected to that office, which he still holds. He has also served many years as supervisor of that town. In 1885, his popularity with the people was shown when he was elected to represent the county in the State Assembly. He was a member of the school board, when the New Berlin schools were merged in the Union School, but he resigned soon after, as his duties as supervisor would not permit him to hold both offices. He is a believer in education, is in touch with modern progress, and is on all matters a thoughtful and considerate gentleman. In business and private life he has been equally successful, and is now reaping the justly earned rewards of a life well spent.

ALANSON W. POWERS of South Oxford, manufacturer of wagons, carriages and sleighs, has the reputation of being the finest wheelwright in Chenango County. He is a son of Myron and Gertrude (Willson) Powers, and was born January 2, 1829, in Otsego County, N. Y.

Myron Powers was a native of Dutchess

County, N. Y., and followed the trade of a miller, in Norwich, until 1843, when he moved to the town of Greene and purchased a farm of 125 acres, on which he lived for several years. He then took up his residence in South Oxford and bought a farm, upon which he passed the remainder of his life. He was a good neighbor and citizen, and was favorably known in his section of the county. He was united in marriage with Gertrude Willson, and they became the parents of nine children, six of whom grew to maturity, and became respected citizens of the various communities in which they lived. Their records are as follows: Harriet; Mary Amanda; Louisa M.; Alanson W, the subject of this personal history; Orrin D.; and Myron D. Mr. and Mrs. Powers were members of the Baptist Church and attended divine worship regularly.

Alanson W. Powers attended the public schools of Greene, and later, of Norwich. Upon entering upon the duties of life, he learned the trade of a wagon maker, and has followed it since. In 1849, he moved to his present place of business, in South Oxford, and began the manufacture of wagons, sleighs and carriages. He soon became well-known throughout the county, and his wagons are now in great demand. He makes a specialty of heavy farm wagons, making them very substantial, yet giving them a finish that is seldom seen on a heavy wagon. He is an industrious and energetic worker, and richly deserves the success with which he is meeting.

In 1850, Mr. Powers was united in marriage with Miss Emily Bartoo, a daughter of

Hiram Bartoo of Greene, and two children have blessed their union, namely: Myron E.; and Minnie M. Myron E., whose companion in life is Jessie Sheldon of Oxford, has two children: Percy; and Katheryn. Our subject is a solid Republican, honestly believing in the principles advocated by his party, and does everything in his power to promote the interests of the party, believing that such action is for the welfare of the country. He has served in official capacities as postmaster, excise commissioner, assessor, and inspector of election. Socially, Mr. Powers is a Mason, belonging to Oxford Lodge, No. 176, F. & A. M. In religious belief he is a member of the Baptist Church. He is a valued member of the community, and by his upright dealing and habits of thrift and industry has secured the confidence and esteem of his neighbors. We present his portrait on another page in proximity to this.

CHARLES HOLMES. Among those who have contributed largely to the agricultural success of Columbus township, Chenango County, N. Y., is the gentleman named above. He is one of the oldest and yet one of the most active and energetic men in the village. He was born in the village of Washington, Dutchess County, N. Y., May 19, 1807, and is a son of Isaac and Sarah Ann (Titus) Holmes.

Jacob Holmes, the grandfather, came from Dutchess County to Oneida County, and settled in the village of Bridgewater. After living there for some years, he passed from

this life at the age of seventy-six years. Three children were reared, namely: Titus; Sarah; and Isaac.

Isaac Holmes was born in Dutchess County, and with his father moved to Oneida County. In 1827 he came to Chenango County, and settled in the village of Columbus, where he purchased the farm where Eugene Hopson now lives. Later, he bought an improved farm, and carried on general farming until he retired to the village of Columbus. He was joined in wedlock with Miss Sarah Ketchum, and as a result of this union a large family of children was reared, as follows: Elias; Eliza; Gilbert; Jonathan; Jacob; Charles; Phœbe; Melle; Henry; and Platt. Of this large family, only three are at present living, Charles, our subject, Henry, whose sketch may also be found in this Book of Biographies, and Platt. Mr. Holmes was called to his well-earned rest at the age of sixty years.

Charles Holmes, our subject, while still a youth, left his home and spent ten years at agricultural pursuits. When he left his home he started out poor, but by persistent energy and industry, and by exercising economy, he succeeded in saving enough money to buy a small place in the village of Columbus. He kept buying land adjoining his first purchase, whenever circumstances made it possible for him, and now he owns a very large farm. On what was formerly known as the Caleb B. Hall place, he built himself a fine residence, and has erected barns, and otherwise improved the properties. Since his first start in life, he has been successfully engaged in dealing in cattle and sheep, driving them to

neighboring markets, or wherever he could obtain the best prices. Mr. Holmes keeps some twenty head of milch cows on his farm all the time.

Mr. Holmes has been married twice; Sarah Merchant was his first wife, by whom he reared two children: Cerelia, who married Charles W. Spurr; and Mary J., who, after the death of her first husband, Charles Haywood, married James Amsby. Our subject's second wife's maiden name was Lucy (Phillips) Sturges, widow of the late Lavette Sturges of South Otselic. She is a daughter of Esek Phillips of Chenango County, and to her first husband four children were born: Harlan; Myra; Amy; and Minnie. Mr. Holmes, in his early life, was a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge of New Berlin, N. Y. In political affairs, he is a stanch Republican, and takes an active part in local affairs. He has never sought public office, as his ambition has not been for political distinction, preferring rather the pursuits of business and the quiet of domestic life. He certainly is possessed of a very strong constitution, and now, in his ninety-first year, he is still hearty and hale. There certainly cannot be another man in the county over eighty years of age who is as active and energetic as Mr. Holmes.

JOHN SELFE, proprietor of the Norwich Bottling Works, is an enterprising business man, and one who has made many friends in private life. He is of English birth, having been born in Trowbridge, England, April 26, 1846. He is a

son of Samuel and Sarah Selfe, both natives of England.

Samuel Selfe was also born in Trowbridge, England, November 10, 1821. After receiving a common school education, he obtained employment in a woolen factory, and continued in that occupation until 1850. He then sought a home in freedom-loving America, locating in Pascoag, Rhode Island. For sixteen years he worked in the woolen mills there, and then moved to West Eaton, Madison County, N. Y., where he followed the same occupation. Although liberal with his family, he was able to accumulate some wealth, and in 1882 he retired from business cares, to spend the sunset of life in ease and comfort. To Mr. Selfe and his wife Sarah, four children were born, namely: John, the subject of this biography; Lottie; George; and Rosie. In politics, he is a firm supporter of the principles advocated by the Republican party. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is a regular attendant upon divine worship. Although almost seventy-eight years of age, he enjoys good health, and is surprisingly active for one of his years.

John Selfe obtained his mental training in the common schools, and like his father, his first work was in a woolen mill. He followed this occupation in different mills until 1882, when he came to Norwich and engaged in his present business. It was a success from the beginning, and steadily increased until he was making larger sales than any similar institution in the village. He is one of those pleasant and genial men who make friends rapidly wherever they go. He is one

of the most popular men in Norwich, and one who, when once a friend, is always a friend.

In national politics, he is a Republican, but in local affairs he casts his vote for the man best suited for the position, regardless of party. Socially, he is a Thirty-second Degree Mason, being a member of Norwich Lodge, No. 302, F. & A. M.

WILLIAM P. BUCKLEY of the village of Oxford is a man whose reputation as a contractor and builder extends throughout Chenango County. He was born in Smithville, October 2, 1838, and is a son of Jacob and Clarinda (Hastings) Buckley.

John Buckley, the grandfather of our subject, was born in the State of Connecticut, whence he came to New York in 1795, locating in the town of Oxford, Chenango County. As was customary in those days, he plied his trade of a wheelwright in the winter months, and during the summer months engaged in farming. He purchased a good farm in the town of Oxford, which has remained in the family since, and is now owned by his grandson, William P., the subject of this biography. He married Hannah Decker, a descendant of the sturdy German race, and they reared the following children: Cynthia; Jacob; Hannah; Peter; Polly; Rebecca; and Sally Ann. Religiously, they were members of the Universalist Church.

Jacob Buckley received his education in

the common schools of Oxford, and then learned the trade of a millwright, following it during the winter and farming in the summer. He also owned and operated saw mills in Oxford and Smithville, and was a very prosperous man. He was united in matrimony with Clarinda Hastings, a daughter of Stephen Hastings of Smithville, and four daughters and one son blessed their union, whose records are as follows: Marion married Charles Stratton of Oxford, and has the following children,—Flora L., Herbert C., Robert B., Vernon D., and Carroll; William P., whose name heads these lines; Almeda was united in marriage with John P. Davis of Smithville, by whom she had three children,—Marion B., Everett E., and Charles S.; A. Anvernett is the wife of H. D. Wilcox of Smithville; and Mary A., who married James Warn of Oxford, and has one daughter, Bonnie. Jacob Buckley and wife were adherents to the faith of the Universalist Church. Politically, Mr. Buckley was a stanch Democrat, and for twelve years served as assessor. His peaceful life came to an end in 1884, aged eighty years. The mother died January 8, 1895, aged eighty-eight years.

William P. Buckley was intellectually prepared for the battles of life in the academy at Oxford. After leaving school he taught for several terms, and at the age of twenty years took up the work of a carpenter and joiner, and has been engaged in that line of work since. He is considered one of the best mechanics in the Chenango Valley, and has had many large contracts in the county. He built the Union Free School in

Norwich, and the Opera House and Firemen's Hall, at Greene. He has also put up many fine residences in the village of Oxford, including his own, which is one of the most beautiful and finest finished houses in the county. He is honest and upright in all his dealings, and has never been known to slight any work that he has contracted to perform.

In 1865 occurred his marriage to Ruth A. Bartle, daughter of Uri Bartle of Oxford. One son was born to them, J. Burr, who graduated from the Mechanical and Engineering Department of Lehigh University, and now lives in New York City. Mrs. Buckley's death occurred August 29, 1892. William P. Buckley formed a second union, December 26, 1894, with Mrs. Helen Brown, widow of Smith Brown of Preston. Mr. and Mrs. Buckley are attendants of the Universalist Church. Mr. Buckley is a Democrat and takes an active interest in political affairs. Socially, he belongs to the A. O. U. W. of Oxford. For seven years he was a captain in the state militia.

ANSEL EVANS, deceased. The subject of this brief notice was one of the pioneer settlers of Chenango County. His remote ancestors were of Welsh origin. He was born in Guilford, Vermont, in 1790. When a young child, he came with his father and family to this town, where he resided until his death.

His grandfather, Major Henry Evans, was granted three square miles of land in the County of Chenango, State of New York,

situated upon the Susquehanna River. The three deeds were signed by Governor George Clinton. The lands were granted by Congress for the services rendered by him during the War of the Revolution. Major Evans sold a portion of this land, upon which the village of Bainbridge now stands for 18½ pence per acre. His death occurred in 1792. He lies under six feet of earth, in an old deserted cemetery beside his wife Abigail, with this quaint epitaph upon the headstone:

"This man came to this country at an early day,
Where nothing dwelt, but beasts of prey,
And men as fierce, and wild as they."

Our subject's father, Henry Evans, Jr., was a man of great brain power, and possessed an inventive genius that was keen, and far reaching—but circumstances, such as make great men famous, were wanting. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Sally Rice, a woman of sweet and gentle presence, died in her youth, leaving one daughter, Sally, and three sons—Ansel, Newell, and Jehial. Like the branches of the fabled golden tree, when one is torn away, another is not wanting—the three sons, by heritage, had the same inventive genius and brain power.

Ansel Evans, the subject of these memoirs, was a millwright by occupation. He was always master of his work, and nothing could satisfy his demands upon himself but perfection. He was a stanch and honest Democrat through life. He was a conscientious and consistent member of the Episcopal Church. A splendid physique, with a grand head and face, and a firm, dignified bearing, were the outer expressions of the inner man. His mind was logical and his judgment law

to his family and friends. His integrity was uncompromising, and unflinching. Home was to him a heaven of rest and joy. No harsh word escaped him there, but a glance from his keen, dark-blue eye governed the most rebellious child of the household.

In early life, he married Gratia Redfield, daughter of Russell Redfield, a man noted far and wide for his wit and genial humor. There were nine children born to them, six daughters and three sons. Sally C. was married to Burr Chamberlain of Dalton, Mass.; G. Adelia was wedded to A. Putman of Bainbridge, N. Y.; William Wallace married Katherine Harding of Tunkhannock, Pa., she is now deceased; his second wife was Susan Coe of Sidney, N. Y.; Betsey A. was married to Dr. A. M. Smith of Pittsfield, Mass.; Diana M., to whom poetry was the natural expression of thought, died when seventeen years of age; Rhoby H. was the second wife of Dr. A. M. Smith of Pittsfield, Mass.; Harriett N. died when two years of age; G. Weston married Josephine Risby of Bainbridge, N. Y.; Dr. Robert, D. D., was married to Miss S. Emma Tarble of Bainbridge, N. Y.—his second wife was Miss Mary Moody of Bainbridge, N. Y.

In later years Mr. Evans devoted himself to agricultural pursuits. Some portion of his land was once included in the original grant to his grandfather, Major Evans, and another part was once the home of Mrs. Evans when she was a little child. It was a happy homestead, children and grandchildren clustered around them, and the tender loving mother of nine children was the same bright, cheerful companion, with her poetic fancies, her



MISS S. AGNES BRISTOL.

intense love for the beautiful, and ready sympathy in all things, when her eyes closed at last, at the age of seventy-seven years, in 1871. Mr. Evans survived her two years. With his eyes undimmed, in the full vigor of his mental powers, he died, aged eighty-three years, in 1873.

DANIEL S. BRISTOL was for many years considered one of the most intelligent and influential farmers of Chenango County; for the past fourteen years has been most closely identified with the interests of the village of Bainbridge, where he resides in one of its most charming spots, "Sunnyside," as his home is appropriately called. He is at present engaged in working Fire Insurance, and has met with gratifying success. He is a son of Peter and Sophia (Peck) Bristol, and was born June 5, 1828, near the village of Hamilton, in Madison County, N. Y.

Peter Bristol was born April 5, 1794, in Litchfield, Conn., and was a son of Daniel Bristol, a native of Litchfield, Conn., and later a resident of New Lisbon, Otsego County, this state, where he died. Peter Bristol was a hatter, and came with his parents to Otsego County, locating later in the town of Lebanon, Madison County, where he continued to reside until his death, February 10, 1867, at the age of seventy-three years. During his residence in Chenango County he was elected by the Whigs to the office of justice of the peace of Smyrna, and discharged the duties devolving

upon him in a manner entirely satisfactory to all concerned. The maiden name of his wife was Sophia Peck; she was born April 12, 1798, and died March 10, 1857. They left a family of six children: William, born September 16, 1818; Homer, September 30, 1822; Joseph, January 12, 1825; Daniel S.; Sophia, December 25, 1830; and Mary J., September 19, 1840.

Daniel S. Bristol attended the academy in the village of Smyrna, and there received the major part of his education; he is a great reader and a close observer, and keeps fully abreast of the times in all current events. His first business venture was in Bainbridge, where he opened a carriage shop in 1856, and for eight years carried on a very profitable trade. He then moved a short distance into the country, and for twenty-one years was engaged in agriculture, conducting his operations by the most approved modern methods, and being known as one of the thriftiest and most successful farmers of the section. In 1885, he concluded to give up the arduous duties, necessarily attending farm life, and once more took up his residence in the village, leaving a son in charge of his farm property. Since his removal to Bainbridge he has been engaged in Fire and Accident Insurance, and does an extensive business, under the firm name of Bristol & Card. They have pleasant offices in the Prince Block, and represent all the prominent, reliable fire insurance companies of this country and England. These companies are: Aetna; Phoenix of Hartford; Continental; Home; Hanover; German American; Phoenix of Brooklyn; Fire Association; Phoenix

of London; Sun of London; Hartford Fire; Northern of London; Travelers Accident; Travelers Life and Lloyd's Plate Glass. In politics Mr. Bristol is a Republican, but in no sense an office seeker, for the only time he allowed his name to be used in such a connection was when he was elected to the office of supervisor of Bainbridge, in 1863. At the same time he is deeply interested in all political movements, and gives his influence and vote to the cause of right. Mr. Bristol was united in marriage, February 20, 1851, with Sarah E. Nearing, daughter and only child of Joseph and Abigail (Davis) Nearing. Joseph Nearing was born either in Schenectady, this state, or in Connecticut; he was engaged in farming in New Lisbon, and later retired from active life and was living in Gilbertsville at the time of his death. He was a very prominent man, and became quite wealthy. He married Abigail Davis, a native of New Haven, Conn., and a daughter of Isaac Davis. Mrs. Bristol's grandfather was Joseph Nearing, Sr., also a native of Connecticut. He came from there to Schenectady and later to New Lisbon, Otsego County, where he carried on farming as long as he lived. To Mr. and Mrs. Bristol have been born three children: S. Agnes, born February 22, 1852; Joseph Lodell, born July 22, 1858, married Eugenia Campbell, and is farming the land formerly operated by his father; and Herbert, born May 15, 1873, who is an operator of West Winsted, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Bristol are members of the Episcopal Church, as are all the family.

S. Agnes Bristol, the only daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. D. S. Bristol of "Sunnyside," Bainbridge, N. Y., has received much honorable mention from authors and publishers, having for years been an extensive contributor to various periodicals under nearly every heading known to the literary world, viz: sketches, stories, poems, locals, obituaries, marriage notices, original histories, criticisms on various subjects, etc. She is a lady possessing literary talent to an unusual degree, and has the happy faculty of making every one around her feel at ease. "Magnetic, lovable and loving, winning, steadfast and sweet," is just the description that fits Miss Bristol. We take the liberty of copying some of her verses from the Bainbridge Republican of July, 1895, knowing that they will be read with pleasure.

Magnetic, lovable and loving,
Winning, steadfast and sweet,
Not unto the self-righteous alone,
But also the lowly at his feet;
"Come unto me all ye Weary
And I Will give thee rest!"
Or unto thee will I come
If that way seemeth best.

Scribe, Pharisee and Sadducee
Rebuked by the Madonna's Son
As "breaking bread" with the motley
crew,

His Father's Will was done
Then into each hardened heart
A warmer feeling came,
For somebody cared for them,
And Jesu was His name

Humble, lowly as the lowliest,
Brother, Friend and Lord,
Christ, Savior, Bless'd Redeemer,
Divine and human, in Him accord;
Crucifix and Corona,
Symbolize and define
The Alpha and Omega
Of His life and thine.

The following tribute is among her latest short poems, and is worthy a place in these memoirs, especially as the subject has just passed to his place among the immortals:

ENGLAND'S "GRAND OLD MAN."

Tireless I study the grand, strong face,
Which speaks of talent in every place,
And covet a tone of the clarion voice
Which bids a nation weep or rejoice.
Would I might herald from afar
The Old World's peerless star.
Undimmed through all the changeful years,
Unchanged by laughter or by tears;
A very hero! Crown him now
With love eternal on his brow!
Nor wait till death the tale to tell
Of how he served all England well.

America's Jewels, flawless and pure,
For generations may endure;
But to the "Kohinoor" over the sea,
To the "Grand Old Man" I bend the knee.
His head may be hoar with the frost of years,
His eyes may be dewy with unshed tears,
But old and young acknowledge the sway
Of the "Great Premier," whose regal way
Charms his kindred, and awes the guest,
Who unquestioning obeys his slightest behest;
Then to the "Kohinoor" over the sea,
To the "Grand Old Man" I bow the knee

On another page appears a portrait of Miss Bristol.

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HON. FREDERICK JULIAND. One hundred years ago, the Empire of France was in the first throes of that great political upheaval which has gone into history as the French Revolution, and not only changed the map of Europe, but reorganized the social and economic world. Louis XVI, the weakly stubborn Bourbon

King, and Marie Antoinette, his frivolous Queen, were to all intents and purposes prisoners of the powerful Third Estate. The baleful star of Robespierre, Danton and Marat was rising above the national horizon. A majority of the Royal family and thousands of the nobility were fugitives across the boundaries to other lands, and were known to the world as *emigres*. Already the nations of Europe, through the demands of France, were taking measures to force them without their borders. America offered inducements as a safe and desirable asylum, and thousands were seeking its hospitable shores, eager to place the waves of the broad Atlantic between them and the horrors that drenched their native land in blood.

Of the French families who emigrated to the United States, a number sought the interior of the country. Several, who had congregated in Philadelphia, decided to form a settlement in the Empire State, and sent out one of their number, Simon Barnet, to select a site. He came up the Susquehanna to "Chenango Pint," now Binghamton, and then followed the course of the Chenango River to the present site of Greene. He was so pleased with the situation he decided upon it for the proposed settlement and entered into a contract with Malachi Treat and William W. Morris, the original patentees, for a tract of land, which became known as the "French Tract," or "French Village Plot." It was located on the east bank of the Chenango River, and embraced the farm which is now the exhibition ground of the Riverside Agricultural Society. From the field books of the surveyors, it is evident

that this occurred about 1792. Charles Felix de Bolyne, "a man of considerable talent, learning and wealth," was at the head of the enterprise and signed the contract of purchase. Soon eight or ten French families came to Greene and settled upon the purchased land. In 1795, the colony entertained the celebrated French statesman, Talleyrand, who was on a horseback journey from Philadelphia to Albany. While at Greene, Talleyrand formed the acquaintance of a son of M. Dutremont, one of the refugees, and was so pleased with him, that he took him back to France, and made him his private secretary. Soon after this, in 1795, M. de Bolyne was drowned while fording a river on horseback, as he was making a journey to Philadelphia in the interest of the settlement. With his death, the financial affairs of the colony became sadly deranged. As he had not paid in full for the land, it reverted to the original patentees. In a few years the emigrants became discouraged and scattered.

The plans of operation adopted by the French colony for carrying on their agricultural pursuits were the same which prevailed in their native country, where the agriculturist with his family resides in the village, and owns and works a farm, more or less remote from his residence. Rude dwellings were constructed from the material on hand, and each settler proceeded to put a small piece of land under complete cultivation, while their supplies of provisions were drawn from great distances with much labor and expense. "Under the circumstances," writes the late Dr. Purple, "it is not strange that persons reared in affluence and accus-

tomed to the pleasures of refined society should yield to the pressure of the misfortunes that soon overtook them."

In 1798, Captain Joseph Juliand, who was a native of Lyons, France, and had fled from the horrible scenes of the Revolution to this country, came to Greene and cast in his fortunes with the little French settlement. But when the other families became discouraged and abandoned the enterprise, he remained, and "to him and Judge Elisha Smith the foundation of the village of Greene is ascribed."

Captain Juliand in early life received a good academic education. His subsequent studies were directed with a view toward his becoming a medical practitioner. He acquired a good general knowledge of that science, which in his after life was a great value to him. But his tastes early in life led him to abandon medicine and to adopt a maritime life. He rose through all the subordinate grades to that of commander of a vessel in the mercantile marine of France. In this capacity he made several voyages across the Atlantic, principally between Nantes and Bordeaux, France, and Boston and Philadelphia in this country. His periodical voyages afforded him opportunities to make journeys into the interior, mingle freely with the people and learn their language, manners and customs. On one of these trips, he met at New Haven, Connecticut, Hannah Lindsley, the daughter of a respectable farmer. In 1788 he married her and removed to a farm near Greenfield, Massachusetts.

In 1798, having heard of the French settle-

ment at Greene, he sold his farm, and with his wife and two children set out for the interior of New York, "in the expectation of finding a new home and congenial society." On arriving at the settlement he was surprised to find that many had departed and others were preparing to follow. Nothing daunted, he purchased a portion of the land abandoned by his disheartened countrymen, and made it his home for the rest of his life. He died at Greene, October 13, 1821.

Frederick Juliand, the subject of this sketch, was born October 9, 1805, in a log house which had been erected by his father, Captain Joseph Juliand, upon his arrival in Greene. He was the youngest of a family of six children, and spent his early years in labor upon his father's farm. The foundation for his education was laid in the district schools of that early day. When he had attained his sixteenth year, his father sent him to Utica, where he entered the academy there and prosecuted his studies for one year. Utica Academy was a famous institution of learning at that time. Among his fellow-students were Horatio Seymour, afterwards Governor of the State and a presidential candidate; Hon. Ward Hunt, afterwards Judge of the Court of Appeals and Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States; Hon. Rutger B. Miller, afterwards Member of Congress; and others who in later years became leading citizens in the professional and business world. A year later, in 1823, he entered his name as a student of Oxford Academy. His room-mate was Hon. John W. Allen. Some of his fellow students at Oxford were the millionaire railroad mag-

nate, Charlemagne Tower, recently deceased; Dr. John Guernsey; Hon. William M. Patterson, afterwards a well-known lawyer and Member of Assembly; Hon. Henry R. Mygatt, for so many years the acknowledged leader of the Chenango County bar, and others, mention of whom space will not allow. The academy had for principal, Dr. David L. Prentice, LL.D., a teacher of acknowledged ability and strong personality. There Mr. Juliand began the study of Latin, which was continued at Greene after he had left the academy, Rev. John B. Hoyt acting as his private instructor.

Having completed his studies he entered upon the active duties of life. His first engagement was with Hill & Juliand, at Bainbridge. He entered their employ as assistant to them in their hotel. Leaving this position, he secured a clerkship in the store of Col. Moses G. Benjamin, then a leading merchant in Bainbridge. He resided in the family of his employer and received fifty dollars salary for the first year's work. He continued with Col. Benjamin for five years, his salary being increased ten dollars each year for three years, and the last year raised to fifteen dollars per month.

In 1830, he returned to Greene to embark in the mercantile business combined with farming. He was associated with his three brothers, Joseph, Lewis, and George. The firm assumed the title of J. Juliand & Brothers, and was continued, amicable in its relations and prosperous in its ventures, for ten years, when it was dissolved by mutual consent. In the division of the assets of the firm, Frederick Juliand received the store

and its good-will. He continued in trade until 1860, when he transferred his business to his son, John R. Juliand, by whom it was continued till 1866.

In his religious preferences, Mr. Juliand is an Episcopalian. When he was but four years of age, he was taken by his mother to Bradford, Connecticut, her old home, for baptism, since there was no Episcopal Church in this vicinity at that time. In its organization and its subsequent career he has ever taken a deep interest in Zion Episcopal Church, Greene. He was confirmed by Bishop Onderdonk on the occasion of the last visit of that eminent ecclesiastic to this diocese. For twenty-five years he was assistant superintendent of the Sunday School. Upon the death of his brother, Joseph Juliand, in 1873, he was elected junior warden, an office which he still holds.

Mr. Juliand has ever been an ardent politician. He began life as a Whig. His first vote was cast in 1828 for John Quincy Adams, when the latter was a candidate for President the second time and ran against Andrew Jackson. Since then he has voted at every general election and at every town meeting except one, when he was absent at Albany. In the faithful performance of his duty as a citizen in this respect, his example is worthy of emulation and of thoughtful consideration by the men of to-day. When the Republican party was organized, he cast in his fortunes with the new force in politics. He has acted with it ever since. He was always a strong admirer and advocate of the principles of Greeley, Garrison, Wendell Phillips and Garrett Smith. When in Albany, in 1856, he, on

several occasions, aided slaves fleeing to Canada by the Underground Railroad. Ever a temperance man in principle and practice, he always voted with that party when any good would be accomplished thereby; at the same time, it has ever been his belief that the Republican party is the true channel through which any permanent beneficial results could be accomplished, as all the temperance legislation that has ever been effected thus far has been through the Republican organization. A parental survivor of the Tippecanoe Club of 1840, his steadfast fealty has led him to believe that *a good Republican makes the best American*.

The first office held by Mr. Juliand was that of postmaster of Greene. He received his commission from President Harrison, and served for four years and through President Tyler's administration. He was nominated for Member of Assembly by the Whig and Temperance parties in 1855 and triumphantly elected. He took his seat in January, 1856, Tompkins H. Matterson being his colleague, and served upon the Committee on Banks.

In the fall of 1863, Mr. Juliand was nominated by the Republicans for the office of State Senator from the Twenty-third District, comprising Chenango, Madison and Cortland Counties. He was elected by the magnificent majority of 5,459. In the Senate he was Chairman of the Committee on Public Printing and a member of the Committees on Banks, Roads and Bridges and Poor Laws. He earned no little distinction as Senator, acquiring a name for exercising careful and comprehensive judgment upon all matters of legislation and for steadfastly advocating

economy in conducting the affairs of the state. Standing in the foremost ranks of those whose honesty and firmness could be relied upon, his career as a Senator was without blemish. Among the important measures settled by the Legislature while he was in the Senate was the Chenango Canal extension. This measure received his immediate supervision and active exertions, and mainly through his efforts and influence was passed. The speech made by Mr. Juliand in its behalf before the committee of the whole Senate displayed careful research and wise judgment and had weighty influence.

In the fall of 1866 he was again brought forward by the Republicans as a candidate for the Assembly. In the preliminary caucuses, his name was not mentioned, nor even when the nominating convention met. After its organization, however, he was named and even then against his express desire. But such was his popularity, he received a unanimous nomination, which was ratified at the polls by a majority of 1,608, the highest vote given to any candidate on the ticket. He served acceptably in the session of 1867 as Chairman of the Committee on Towns and Counties, and a member of the Committee on Banks. That fall he was renominated for the same office and re-elected. In the Assembly of 1868 his experience made him a valuable member. Although belonging to the minority, the Legislature being Democratic, he was honored with an appointment upon his old Committee of Towns and Counties and was placed upon the important Sub-Committee of the Whole. With the close of the legislative session of 1868, Mr. Juliand re-

tired from public life, having served his county at Albany for five years—two as Senator and three as Member of Assembly.

Besides these elective offices, Mr. Juliand has held other places of important trust. In 1862 and again in 1866 he was a member of the Republican State Committee. He was also appointed one of the incorporators for locating the State Soldiers' Home, at Bath, and one of the trustees of the State Inebriate Asylum, at Binghamton.

Mr. Juliand was an effective supporter of the Government in the War of the Rebellion. He contributed liberally of his time and means to sustain the Union cause. His liberality toward the families of absent soldiers endeared him to those at home and made his name familiarly welcomed at many a lonely fireside. In 1862 he was appointed a member of the committee from the Twenty-third Senatorial District to raise troops under the call of President Lincoln for "three hundred thousand more" and he did most efficient work in putting the 114th Regiment into the field. He was present at the meetings of the committee and cast his vote for Col. Elisha B. Smith to be commander of Chenango County's now famous regiment.

In the summer of 1864, he had a never-to-be-forgotten experience of "grim visaged war." That summer, the town of Greene had occasion to forward funds to its recruiting agent, William Jones, who was then at Newbern, North Carolina, endeavoring to enlist men to fill its quota. Much against his will, Mr. Juliand was induced to undertake the task. He started *via* Washington and Norfolk, taking the steamer *Fawn* at the lat-

ter place for Roanoke Island, *via* Dismal Swamp Canal. When about 150 miles from Norfolk, the steamer was attacked by guerillas. Upward of a hundred shots were fired at the steamer, killing and wounding nine of the little party of only thirty. Mr. Juliand and the remaining survivors were taken prisoners and robbed of all their baggage; the steamer was burned, and they were compelled to march, the whole night, thirty miles to Elizabeth City, where after being robbed of \$6,000.00 (a portion of the funds he was transporting) he and Major Jenny of Syracuse were paroled, through the influence of a friend, the remainder of the party being marched off to a vile Southern prison, where it has since been ascertained more than half of them died horrible deaths. Mr. Juliand and his companions made their escape from the rebel domains in a sail boat, after being without food or shelter for about two entire days.

Mr. Juliand has been married three times. His first wife was Miss Jane Cameron Ringer, daughter of Capt. John Ringer of Geneva. Their marriage occurred in 1835. Of this union one son was born, John Ringer Juliand, who succeeded his father in business as narrated above. In 1841 our subject was united in marriage with Miss Catherine R. Hayes, daughter of the Hon. Isaac Hayes of Unadilla. She bore him three children, a son and two daughters. The son died in infancy. Sarah J. and Minerva H. still survive. Again, in September, 1865, Mr. Juliand was married to Miss Harriet M. Crocker, daughter of Hon. Benjamin Crocker of Cambridge, Washington County, N. Y.

Here ends the story of a long, happy and successful life. In the twilight of age, he who hath lived it awaits the final close. Whatever may be the issue of the future, he dwells in the consciousness that by that life he has won as a man a reputation for purity of purpose, dignity of character, ability and enterprise; and dying, he will leave a memory worthy of emulation and ever to be cherished with tenderness and affection.

FRED HOVEY, commissioner of highways of Oxford township, Chango County, N. Y., was born in West Millbury, Massachusetts, October 2, 1855. He is a son of Albert C. and Mary L. (Small) Hovey, and grandson of Simon Hovey.

Simon Hovey was a native of Guilford, N. Y., where he spent most of his life. His calling was that of a farmer, and he was engaged in agricultural pursuits all his life. He was a prosperous man and had many friends throughout the county. He was united in marriage with Miss Cornwall, and they became the parents of seven children, whose names are as follows: Tyler; William; Horace; Albert C., the father of our subject; Nancy, who married a Mr. Bradley; Ransom; and Mary, who married a Mr. Easton. In their religious belief, they were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Albert C. Hovey is a native of the State of New York, and follows the occupation of a farmer. He has spent a great many years at that pursuit, but is now living a retired



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life. He has been a very active Republican in politics, and has held the office of assessor for many years. He was united in marriage with Mary L. Small, and they became the parents of five children, whose records are as follows: George, who formed a matrimonial alliance with Julia Wheeler, and after her death married Marilla Hartwell of Oxford, by whom he has had three children—Luella, Frank L., and Ethel; Hattie married Garrett Wheeler of Oxford, and they are the parents of two children, Nora P. and Emma; Will A. married Anna Doolittle of Susquehanna, and they became the parents of two boys, Paul and Luke; Mary B. married Elroy Salisbury of Coventry; and H. Fred, the subject of this sketch.

H. Fred Hovey received a good common school education in the public schools of Oxford, after which he began to till the soil as a means of earning a livelihood. He farmed with his parents until he was thirty years of age, then purchased a farm for himself, which he operated with good results until 1895. He worked at several employments that year, and in 1896 was elected commissioner of highways, and as the duties of that office would not permit him time to do outside work, he gave up his farm. He is a man faithful to his charge, and has given universal satisfaction.

In 1887, he was united in marriage with Carrie O. Gifford of Oxford, a daughter of James Gifford. In religious belief, he is a member of the Baptist Church. Socially, he is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, Lodge No. 105, of Oxford. In politics, he is an active Republican.

GEORGE AYLSWORTH, liveryman and dealer in horses and agricultural implements, is one of the thoroughly wide-awake, hustling men who have been closely identified with the success and growth of Bainbridge. He is a son of Dexter and Nancy (Taylor) Aylsworth, and was born September 10, 1841, in Newark, Tioga County, N. Y. His grandfather, Andrew J. Aylsworth, was a native of Long Island and settled in Chenango County, in the town of Bainbridge, purchasing 300 acres of land, where he afterwards lived. He was a farmer and did much to improve this farm, clearing it and otherwise adding to its value. His wife was Lydia Hicks, and to them were born the following children: Thomas; Dexter; Lewis; Robert; Chadiar; Prudence; Clara; and Hannah.

Dexter, the father of our subject, was born in Long Island, but came to this county with his parents, and settled down in the town of Bainbridge, where he built and operated for a number of years a saw mill and a carding factory, that was located two miles north of Afton. He then moved to Tioga County, where he purchased a large farm of 300 acres, which is one of the finest farms in that section of the country, and there he resided for ten years, when he returned to the old homestead in order to care for his mother and sister. He lived there until 1868 or 1869, when he moved to the town of Pike, Wyoming County, where he died. He was a Republican in his political views. He was a strong Methodist, having united with that church when he was only twelve years old. He was a man of strict integrity, honesty and probity,

one whose deeds would stand the searchlight of truth. He was much honored by his neighbors, and was without an enemy. He was united in marriage with Miss Nancy Taylor, by whom he had a family of four children, namely: Mary, Marilla, Armina, and George, the subject of this biography. Dexter Aylsworth was afterward married to Miss Lydia Pearsall, who bore him one child, Alvira, now deceased. After the death of Mrs. Aylsworth he once more took to himself a wife, this time being united to Miss Lydia Hoag. They had one child, Olivia.

George Aylsworth, our subject, was married to Miss Ruiette Fosbury, December 26, 1860. She is a daughter of R. C. Fosbury of Bainbridge, this county. This marriage has been blessed with the following children: Juvenelia, who died in infancy; Georgianna, who died at the age of four years; Mary, now residing in Bainbridge, the wife of Dorcas Payne, a barber; William S., who is engaged in business with his father and makes his home with him; and George Franklin, also in business with his father, and married to Lizzie Masters. Mr. Aylsworth received his education in the district schools, and began life on his own account as a farmer, on the old homestead in Afton. Here he followed in the footsteps of his fathers, tilling the soil, for about five years, when he removed to Bainbridge and engaged in the livery business, which he has followed in that village ever since. In connection with his livery he has always been engaged in buying and shipping horses, doing a large business. Especially during the last four years has he done an immense business, as he has bought

horses in the Western States and shipped them to eastern markets, until this has become a leading feature of his business. He also carries a general line of agricultural implements, which he added to his other business about four years ago.

When the black cloud of the recent Rebellion was hanging over our land, threatening to overthrow our government and destroy our institutions, Mr. Aylsworth was among the first to answer the call of his country. Leaving at home his newly wedded bride, he enlisted on August 8, 1862, in Co. H., 114th Reg. N. Y. Vol. Inf., and marched to the seat of war, where he served until the fratricidal conflict came to an end. The last two years of his service were spent as receiving clerk in the commissary's office.

After leaving the army he returned to his family and the more quiet pursuits of private life, but not for long was he left to the enjoyment of this quiet. He had always been a Republican, and his many friends were not slow to appreciate his executive ability, and soon called upon him to serve them in the capacity of constable. That his manner of discharging the duties of that office was in every way satisfactory to his constituents is clearly proved by their continuing him in the same capacity for a term of twenty-six years. He has also served as deputy sheriff one term, and has ever been active in the affairs of his party, frequently representing it in county conventions as a delegate. He is a member of Susquehanna Lodge, No. 167, F. & A. M., and also belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men. While full of push and energy, yet Mr. Aylsworth always has time

to devote to his many friends, and this courteous, affable bearing has no doubt had much to do with the success he has met with, both in business and social life. We are pleased to present his portrait on a preceding page.

ALEXANDER ROSS, proprietor of the Ross Cotton Mills, and an extensive land owner in the village of Sherburne, Chenango County, N. Y., was born at Morris, Otsego County, N. Y., June 25, 1845. He is a son of Hector and Ellen (Edwards) Ross, and grandson of John and Isabella (Melville) Ross. John Ross was a moulder by trade, and after his death his wife and children, William, George, and Belle, moved to Binghamton, N. Y.

Hector Ross was born in Greenock, Scotland, in 1811; upon emigrating to this country he settled in Canada, where he worked in a foundry. Later he moved to Rochester, N. Y., but finding no work he started east on foot, and at Brownells, Oneida County, N. Y., he engaged in his old trade as a mule spinner. From there he moved to New Berlin, this county, whence, failing to find employment, he went to Morris, Otsego County, where he worked at his former trade, receiving \$18.00 per month. He remained in this business for twenty years, and the last six years he had full control of the mill. In 1838 he was joined in marriage with Ellen Edwards, daughter of John Edwards, a native of Wales, who emigrated to the United States in 1833 or 1834. Mr. Ross, upon leaving Morris, moved to New Berlin, and with

his brothers Daniel and William Clinton purchased the mills located there; later, in 1861, Hector sold his interest to his brother Daniel. He then bought a farm, upon which he built a large and handsome residence, and otherwise improved the land; in 1864 he sold this property and moved to Sherburne, where, in 1863, he had erected the cotton mills now owned by our subject. The planning of the structure was placed in the hands of Mr. Ross, and the first brick of the tall chimney, which is 108 feet in height, was laid by our subject on his birthday, June 25, 1863, and the first brick on the factory was laid by our subject's father on his birthday, May 6 of the same year. The mill is a three story structure, 163 feet by 46, and has an ell in the rear 57 x 26; the boiler house is 51 by 23 and the office 42 by 22. The mill and seven tenement houses were completed, and the first cotton was run through December 23, 1863. The mill was at first run in the interest of the stockholders, but later the entire mill was purchased by our subject's father. Mr. Ross died June 24, 1872, and the mill was left to his heirs. Mrs. Ross died at the age of seventy-four years. Their children were: Catherine; Amelia; Mary; Alexander; John; Ellen; Lucy; Melville; and Minnie.

Our subject entered his father's mill and mastered the varied details of the business, but desiring to learn the trade of a wagon-maker, he left the mill. Later on, however, when his father was in need of his assistance he was taken from his trade, and in 1872 was placed in full charge of the mill. Mr. Ross purchased the different shares of the heirs,

and in 1893 he became sole proprietor, since which time he has put in new and improved machinery, and now has an output of three million yards of cloth fabric per year, and has employed at one time over one hundred men. Mr. Ross deals extensively in real estate, and is the owner of twenty-one fine houses, which he rents in great part to his employees; he also conducts a general store, in which he has a large, paying patronage.

Mr. Ross chose for his life companion Lizzie E. Horner, daughter of William Horner of Camden, N. J., and they are the parents of one child, Mary E., who is one of the most skilled artists in the county. She is proficient in painting, etching, and teaches needle work. Our subject is an avowed Republican, and is an active and popular leader in his community. He has been elected as president of the village four terms, which mark of favor shows his popularity and the esteem in which he is held by his fellow-citizens. Socially, he is a member of the F. & A. M. Lodge of Sherburne; the R. A. M. Chapter; Binghamton Consistory, Thirty-second Degree; and the Knight Templars of Norwich. He is also a member of the A. O. U. W.

CHARLES CLINTON, the able and well-known attorney of Smithville Flats, holds a high rank in his profession and is a man of recognized intellectual attainments, which have not only been shown in his legal actions in the course of Chenango County, but also in high educational circles

of the Empire State. He is a son of Ormond D. and Almira (Payne) Clinton, and was born in the town of Willet, Cortland County, N. Y., August 2, 1858.

The grandfather of our subject, John Clinton, third of that name, was a grandson of John Clinton (1), who was born in New Haven, Conn., November 8, 1721. John Clinton married Elizabeth Beecher in November, 1746, and among their children was John Clinton (2), who was born May 4, 1752. This son married Mary Scribner, which union resulted in the accession to the family of three sons and one daughter, namely: John, the grandfather of our subject; Simeon; Joel; and Phebe. Mary (Scribner) Clinton died September 16, 1805, in her fifty-seventh year, and was buried in the old cemetery at Fly Creek, Otsego County, N. Y. John Clinton (2), was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. On page twenty-two of a manuscript volume, entitled "Military Register," in the custody of the Regents of the University of the State of New York, in the State Library, he is recorded as a private soldier in the Fifth New York Line, or Regiment, of Continentals in the company commanded by Capt. F. John Hamtranck, and served, as there stated, from May 21, 1779, to January 1, 1780. On page eleven of Vol. 2, Treasurer's Certificates, a manuscript volume, he is also recorded as a sergeant in a regiment of levies raised in 1781. The records show that these regiments were in active service in the War of the Revolution.

John Clinton, the grandfather of our subject, was born on March 25th of the year of the Declaration of Independence, and died at

the home of his son, Ormond D. Clinton, in Willet, June 17, 1858, being buried at Hazard's Corners, Triangle, Broome County, N. Y. On December 22, 1800, at South Wallingford, Vt., he married Lemira Doty, who died June 19, 1835, in German, Chenango County, N. Y., at the age of fifty-two years. In early life he taught school and worked at the carpenter trade. He came into Central New York from Ballston Springs, Saratoga County, first settling in Triangle, Broome County, and afterwards taking up his residence in the town of German, Chenango County. His family consisted of seven children, in the following order: Orille, who died in the State of Iowa; Polly Shaft, who died in Chautauqua County, N. Y.; Ormond D., the father of our subject; Joel, who died in Springfield, Bradford County, Pa.; Phebe Doty also passed from life in the same town; Elias D., born September 22, 1815, died in Willet, N. Y., May 6, 1891; and David, who is supposed to have been lost on the Phoenix propeller, which was destroyed by fire on Lake Michigan within sight of Racine, Wis.

Ormond D. Clinton was born in Triangle, Broome County, N. Y., December 4, 1807. On August 9, 1840, he was united in marriage with Almira Payne at the village of Virgil, Cortland County, N. Y., by Hiram Green, a minister of the Universalist Church. Almira Payne was born in Leicester, Providence County, R. I., November 17, 1816, and was a daughter of William and Lydia (Barnes) Payne. Our subject's father departed this life in the town of German, June 18, 1881, and lies buried in Sylvan Lawn Cemetery,

Greene, N. Y. The mother still lives; she held a reunion of the family on November 17, 1896. There were seven children in the family, of whom six survive. De Witt, born March 3, 1847, died October 18, 1849. Jane, born April 12, 1849, married Lorenzo D. Leach September 19, 1871, and they are the parents of five children, namely: Elmer C., born September 8, 1872; Albertus, born January 23, 1874, died September 10, 1880; Elpha, September 18, 1878, died September 17, 1880; Mattie C., born August 7, 1880; and Carl, born June 26, 1886, died July 17, 1887. Phebe, born May 20, 1852, was united in marriage to George Schouten, June 13, 1874, and five children blessed their home, namely: Gertie, born December 5, 1876, died September 22, 1880; Alta, born April 29, 1879, died March 22, 1895; Lennie, born January 20, 1885; Bertie, born November 12, 1888; and Mary, born August 15, 1890. Eugene, born January 13, 1855, was joined in the bonds of matrimony January 10, 1884, with Bertha L. Johnson of Greene, N. Y. He was admitted to the practice of law in the state courts May 4, 1880, at Ithaca, and in the Supreme Court of the United States December 5, 1888. Mary, born September 19, 1856, married Charles C. Curtis of McDonough, N. Y., February 8, 1877; they have two children—Bertha, born May 28, 1885, and Lillian M., born July 8, 1895. Our subject is the next in order of birth. Emma, the youngest member of the family, was born June 2, 1861, and was united in wedlock with John S. Mason of McDonough, this county, November 30, 1880.

Our subject attended the common and se-

lect schools until sixteen years of age, and then engaged in school teaching until he was twenty years old. After studying law with his brother, Eugene Clinton, of Greene, he was admitted to the bar, September 17, 1885. He immediately entered upon the practice of his profession at Smithville Flats, and being an untiring worker and a man of great ability, he was soon recognized as a coming attorney, and to-day he ranks among the most distinguished lawyers of Chenango County. Perhaps one of the most important cases of which our subject has had charge was the defense of John H. Dingee, in 1888, for the murder of Jerome Perrington, one of the most exciting murder cases that ever came up before the Chenango County courts. He succeeded with the aid of his associates, John W. Church, and his brother, Eugene Clinton, in getting the accused murderer off with a sentence in the second degree.

September 15, 1880, Mr. Clinton and Emma Fosgate, daughter of William Fosgate, a farmer near Greene, were happily united in marriage. They are the parents of three sons and two daughters, who are as follows: Almira L.; Hattie M.; Charles D.; George C.; and Julian B. Socially, Mr. Clinton is a member of the Eastern Lodge, No. 126, F. & A. M., of Greene. Our subject takes a deep interest in educational institutions, and in 1894 State Superintendent Croker called upon him to assist in establishing a new method in keeping the records of examinations. He is now advocating the adoption of a certificate for teachers, which will not compel a teacher to be examined every year after she has once taken and passed successfully

an examination. In politics our subject is proud of the record he has made since he has been identified with the Grand Old Party, and upholds Republicanism both by ballot and voice. He has served as town clerk for four years, and in 1890 he was elected school commissioner of the second district of this county, and is now filling his third term in that office.

SAMUEL A. ROGERS, a stationary engineer on the N. Y. & O. W. R. R., who makes his home at Oxford, was born in the town of Pitcher, Chenango County, N. Y., June 30, 1827. He is a son of John C. and Ann (Finch) Rogers, and a grandson of Amos Rogers.

Amos Rogers was a native of Connecticut, and came to Chenango County when it was mostly a wilderness. He settled in Preston, and purchased a tract of land on what is now Rogers Street. He cleared and improved it and became one of the prosperous farmers of the town. In political belief, he was a Whig. Religiously, he was a Seventh Day Baptist. His companion in life was Mary Chapill, whose father was a Presbyterian minister of Pharsalia, N. Y. They were the parents of the following children: Elsie; John C., the father of our subject; Hannah; Mary; Davis; Polly; Juliette; Phoebe; Tryphenia; Amos; Abigail; and one that died in infancy.

John C. Rogers was born in Stonington, Conn., and at an early age came to this county with his father. He received his



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education in the common schools of Preston, after which he tilled the soil in connection with carpenter's and joiner's work. He was a well read man and posted on all subjects of interest to the people. He was a leading politician in the county and was active in helping his friends to office, but would never accept one himself. He was united in marriage with Ann Finch, a native of Pitcher, and a daughter of Samuel Finch. Samuel Finch was a lieutenant in the War of 1812, and at one time was judge of Chenango County. He was one of the prominent men of the county. His nephew is now judge of Broome County, N. Y. This union resulted in the birth of the following children: Samuel A.; Mary; Thomas; H. B.; Silas R.; Daniel L.; John E.; Aurelius D.; and Apgar. Mrs. Rogers passed away in 1882, and her husband survived her eleven years. They favored the Seventh Day Baptists, in their religious belief.

Samuel A. Rogers attended the common schools of Pitcher, after which he took a course in Pitcher Academy. After completing his schooling, he learned the trade of a carpenter and builder, also that of a bridge builder. He followed his trade until 1880, when he entered the employ of Miller & Perkins of Oxford, N. Y., as traveling salesman. He remained with them for eight years, and then he accepted his present position, as stationary engineer on the N. Y. & O. W. R. R.

In April, 1854, Mr. Rogers was united in marriage with Susan (Kinney) Lake, a daughter of Samuel Kinney of Oxford. Her first husband was Israel Lake, by whom she had

three children, namely: Whitman E.; Mary E.; and one that died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers' union was blessed by the birth of three children, whose records are as follows: George married Catherine Butts of De Ruyter, N. Y., and they are the parents of two children, Bessie E. and Jessie A.; Anna A. married Lyman Judd of Delaware County, N. Y., and reared one son, Frank H.,—her second husband is Romain Jackson of Treadwell, N. Y.; James H. married Anna Hutchins of Otselic, and has two children, namely, Henry O., and Mildred S.

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CURTIS E. KNICKERBOCKER, a resident of the village of Norwich, and assistant civil engineer for the O. & W. R. R., is a son of Edwin Knickerbocker of Morrisville, Madison County, N. Y., grandson of Harley Knickerbocker, a native of Connecticut, and great-grandson of John Knickerbocker.

Our subject's great-grandfather was born in the suburbs of New York City of an ancestry, which several generations before came from Holland to New Amsterdam, now New York. The father of John Knickerbocker fought on the side of the colonists in the Revolutionary War, and surrendered his life in the blessed cause of freedom. Soon after his father's death, John Knickerbocker went to live with an uncle in Connecticut, and resided in that state until 1804, when he emigrated to the State of New York, making the entire journey with a team of oxen. He settled in what is now the town of Eaton, Madi-

son County, purchased a tract of land covered with timber near Leland's Pond, built a log house, and began the hard and serious labor of clearing a farm, and preparing the land for the cultivation of crops. At that early day, there were neither railroads nor canals, even in the Empire State, which was one of the first states of the Union to give attention to internal improvements. Of manufactures there were few, except those rude and simple ones that were carried on in the domestic circle. For many years after settling in this new country, John Knickerbocker was obliged to travel one hundred miles to Albany to market the farm products and to obtain in exchange such supplies as were needed in the household and on the farm. The round trip required one week for its completion; on his return he was accustomed to bring with him various kinds of goods required by the pioneer merchants in their stores. With the assistance of his sturdy sons, he managed to effect a clearing of some 150 acres of his property, and continued to reside on his first purchase for many years, finally selling his estate, and thereafter making his home with his son, Henry, at Cincinnatus, Cortland County, and living to the remarkable age of one hundred years. His wife's name before her marriage was Lydia Jackson.

Harley Knickerbocker, the grandfather of our subject, was eight years of age when the family removed to this state. His youth was passed in agricultural pursuits on his father's farm. His first marriage took place in Potter County, Penn., the bride being a Miss Stannard, a native of the Keystone State.

After their union, the young couple settled on a farm in Potter County, where, after a married life of less than two years, Mrs. Knickerbocker died, leaving one daughter, Cordelia, who grew to womanhood, married and reared quite a large family, she, herself, dying in Chicago, Ill. After the death of his first wife, Mr. Knickerbocker removed to Madison County, and in Eaton township was married for the second time. Purchasing a portion of the old homestead near Leland's Pond, he moved into the farm-house already erected thereon, and began the life of a farmer on his own account, and under very auspicious circumstances, for he possessed better advantages than his father had formerly enjoyed, one of which was a market at Utica, only thirty miles distant. After residing a few years on this property he disposed of it to good advantage, and bought another farm near the present site of Morrisville Station, upon which he lived upwards of sixty years, and then retired to the village of Morrisville, where his death occurred at the age of eighty-seven. The maiden name of his second wife was Henrietta French; she was born in the State of Rhode Island, and was a daughter of Abel and Mary (Wilson) French. She died on the farm at the age of seventy-two. Seven children constituted the family, who were named as follows: Julia A.; Edwin, our subject's father; Maria; Jeanette; Sophia; Susan; and Jackson J.

Edwin Knickerbocker received his early education in the district schools, and later attended the academies of Morrisville and Hamilton. He began teaching at the age of twenty, and followed that occupation for a

portion of each year, until he settled down to farming. In 1852 he purchased a farm two miles north of Morrisville, upon which he resided until 1867, when he moved to the village of Morrisville, where he lived until his death in October, 1896. He was born in the town of Eaton, Madison County, January 5, 1824. In 1852 he was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary T. Stafford, nee Curtis, who was born in Nelson, Madison County, March 20, 1829. Her father, Ransom Curtis, died in Chittenango while yet in the prime of life, being about forty years old, and when his daughter, Mary T., was but fourteen. Mr. Curtis was born in Nelson, Madison County, in 1803, and was a son of Jonathan Curtis, a native of Connecticut, and of New England stock, who after his marriage to a Connecticut lady, Miss Johanna Wilkinson, emigrated in the most primitive and rude fashion to Madison County, N. Y., and settled on a farm in the town of Nelson in the closing years of the last century. Some years later, Johanna Thankful (Wilkinson) Curtis died, leaving a family. Some time after the death of his first wife, Jonathan Curtis formed a second matrimonial alliance with a Mrs. Newell, who survived him several years, and died in Waterville, N. Y., at the home of a son by the first marriage, Ebenezer Newell, after having attained to a good old age. Jonathan Curtis died in the town of Nelson when quite advanced in years. He was the father of five children, of whom Ransom was the third in order of birth. The latter grew to manhood in Nelson and became a farmer, in middle life removing to the village of Chittenango, where he died in 1843, being only

forty years of age. He was a Whig in politics, and in religion a member of the old school Baptist Church, his father before him being a deacon in that church. Ransom Curtis was married in the town of Nelson to Miss Aurelia Billings, who was born, reared, and spent her married life in Nelson and Chittenango, after the death of her husband residing some years with her daughter, Mrs. Edwin Knickerbocker, the mother of our subject, and dying in 1862. She was born in 1803, and was a daughter of Lemuel and Priscilla (Locke) Billings, pioneers of Madison County. Like her husband, she was a member of the Baptist Church, and a devoted Christian woman. Mr. Edwin Knickerbocker was a Democrat in his early life, was then a Free-Soil Democrat, and upon the organization of the Republican party became a Republican, to which party's principles he ever afterwards remained true. Education, the mainspring of civilization, the force that sets in motion and regulates the complicated machinery of human action in its various spheres of labor and lines of development, ever found in him a friend and champion. Mrs. Knickerbocker died in September, 1896.

Curtis E. Knickerbocker, the subject of this history, graduated from Cazenovia Academy in 1887, and from Princeton College with the class of 1891. He then located at Middletown N. Y., in the city engineer's office, with Charles Everson, in July, 1891; in October, 1891, he advanced to the chief engineer's office at Middletown, and remained there until March, 1893, when he came to Norwich, and located as assistant civil engineer for the O. & W. R. R. He is well versed

in all the details and intricacies of the civil engineer's profession, and is capable of filling almost any position in the engineering line. His work claims his whole time, so that though he is a loyal Republican and a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, he has never found the time or requisite opportunity for engaging in either politics or religious work to any great extent. He is a whole-souled, genial fellow, and has any number of warm friends, who unite in wishing him the best of success through life.

On November 16, 1893, in New York City, he was united in marriage with Miss Jennie E. Wilkinson, a young lady of intelligence and varied accomplishments, who grew to maidenhood and was educated in the place of her birth, Middletown, N. Y. They have one child, Kenneth E. The publishers of this work present Mr. Knickerbocker's portrait on a preceding page, in connection with this sketch of his life.

DR. LEWIS E. DIXSON, a disciple of Æsculapius, within the length of time during which he has followed his chosen profession among the people of Chenango County, especially of New Berlin township and its vicinity, has made for himself a place and won a standing that may well be envied. Belonging to a class of men whose duties compel them to be not only healers, but also counsellors and advisers as well in matters of the most delicate nature, he has done well by his large clientele. That his name is respected and his individu-

ality esteemed is but a well-earned reward for his faithful efforts. Dr. Dixson is a son of Samuel R. and Ruth L. (Kinney) Dixon, and was born in the town of Butternuts, Otsego County, N. Y., April 29, 1861.

Robert Dixon, grandfather of our subject, was a native of Stetsonville, Otsego County, and a manufacturer of hats. He was twice married; to his first wife, Miss Clinton, six children were born—three sons and three daughters. He was again married, and was the father of three children—one son and two daughters. He died in 1850 at the age of fifty-four years.

Samuel R. Dixon was born in New Lisbon, Otsego County, N. Y., in 1827, and died September 20, 1894, in the town of Butternuts. He received a good education in the common schools of his native town and then took a course in the academy at Gilbertsville; he also had a private teacher for some time. Upon leaving school he taught for several years and then followed the pursuits of an agriculturist. Having been more than ordinarily successful, and a man whose character was above reproach, his name was a familiar one throughout the county of his residence. He was an earnest and sincere Christian, and an active member of the Episcopal Church, with which organization he was identified for many years. To this society his death was an almost irreparable loss, for he was looked upon in confidence as a wise counsellor and interested friend. He was a strong Republican, and for eighteen consecutive years was elected commissioner of highways in the town of Morris. He was united in marriage with Ruth L. Kinney, and

they reared a family of five sons and three daughters, namely: Blanche, wife of George Harris of Otego; Eugene, who resides at Oneonta, N. Y.; Lydia, deceased; Dr. Lewis E., whose name heads these lines; John, deceased; Samuel, a prominent cheese manufacturer of South New Berlin; Elva, deceased; and James, also deceased.

Dr. Lewis E. Dixson attended the high school at Morris, where he laid the solid foundations of his education. Next he took up the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. W. W. Hall of Morris. In 1887 he entered the Medical Department of the University of Buffalo, N. Y., and was graduated from that institution in 1890. He then returned to Morris and spent some time in practicing his chosen profession. Later he moved to South New Berlin, where he has since resided. Dr. Dixson is essentially a broad man. While a thorough student and an up-to-date practitioner, he finds ample time to handle a large practice and to look after many other interests in a satisfactory manner. His profession has yielded him good returns, and he is considered one of the solid men of his section. He has also taken a special course in urinalysis, and has received a special diploma in that work.

On October 21, 1891, Dr. Dixson was united in marriage with Fanny Arnold, who died five months after marriage with consumption. For his second wife he chose Jennie Thompson of Morris, Otsego County, N. Y., and they have one child, Ruth L., born August 25, 1894. Dr. Dixson is a gentleman who fully appreciates the duties of his profession, and at the same time does not forget the

claim which the public has upon him as a citizen. He is a firm advocate of the best educational facilities. In politics, he is a Republican of the strongest convictions. Active in thought and movement, possessed of keen foresight, and endowed with exceptional executive abilities, the Doctor is, apart from his calling, a man of influence and force. He is a member of the Winnebago Tribe, No. 362, I. O. R. M. In religious views he is a member of the Episcopal Church. As a physician, Dr. Dixson is on all sides trusted as well as loved. Well read in all that pertains to the well being of the human body, keen and correct in his diagnosis, cool and collected under the strain of a severe surgical operation, it is no mistake to aver that he is an instance of the right man in the right place. The severest test to which one can subject a man's personality is to lay it open to the criticism of those who have seen him grow from childhood to manhood, and in manhood expand his career year by year. This test Dr. Dixson stands exceedingly well, for no more popular, well esteemed, or respected gentleman than he has ever grown up among the sturdy sons of Chenango County.

DR. LEROY J. BROOKS, the leading and most popular physician of the town of Norwich, can look back with pride on a quarter of a century's successful practice in the vicinity of his present residence and throughout the county. He was born in Norwich, August 2, 1850,

and is a son of Edwin and Helen (Keyes) Brooks.

His grandfather Brooks was born in Pittsfield, Mass., and from there moved to Norwich, where he was engaged in mercantile business a number of years. The Baptist Church numbered him among its most active and consistent members. He married Laura Bissel, and reared a family of eight children, that consisted of four boys and four girls.

Edwin Brooks, the father of the Doctor, was born in Otsego County, N. Y., March 18, 1827, and was united in marriage with Helen Keyes, May 13, 1846. He became a resident of Norwich, and there followed mercantile lines of business, achieving success and accumulating considerable property. His death occurred May 2, 1884. He was a Republican in politics, and a leading member of the Baptist Church. His children numbered seven, as follows: Edwin, deceased; Dr. Leroy J.; Nelson; Howard; Clara, who married O. Cobb; Emma, deceased; and Hattie, who was the wife of Dr. H. B. Love, now deceased.

Dr. Brooks attended the common schools of the neighborhood in his youth, and from them advanced to Norwich Academy, from which school he graduated in 1866. He then entered upon his professional education, having had the idea of making himself a physician for many years previous. In 1872 he graduated from the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, and then, to obtain the necessary practice, he became one of the attendant doctors in the Bellevue Hospital, and remained on the staff two years, until 1874, when, with a splendid equipment for

his profession, he returned to his native place, Norwich, and entered upon what has been a very successful practice. His services are much sought after in Norwich and the contiguous territory, and such are the demands made upon him, that he has little time he can really call his own, for his duties keep him busy continually, from early in the morning until 10 or 11 o'clock at night. To those who are in need of his services, he is a true friend and counsellor, as well as adviser in matters relating solely to the health and well-being of their bodies. He is most popular and highly regarded among his fellow practitioners, and is often called in consultation in critical cases of doubtful nature. In every way in his power he does his best to inculcate the laws of hygiene and the principles of a higher morality, believing that the medical profession should not be selfish in its work, but should undertake to make the world better. His practice has netted him handsome returns, that he has laid by to educate his children, and provide for his declining years.

Dr. Brooks was fortunate in his choice of Miss Della P. Wescott for a life companion, for no truer or more devoted helpmeet could be found. They were united in the bonds of marriage March 25, 1875. Mrs. Brooks is a daughter of Paul Wescott. Three children are the fruits of this union: Paul Bellows; Keith Leroy; and Pauline Browning. The family attends the Baptist Church of Norwich, of which Dr. and Mrs. Brooks are active members. Dr. Brooks is a Republican in his politics, and was at one time a member of the excise commission. He is



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a member of the following medical societies: New York State Medical Association; Bellevue Hospital Alumni Association; Central New York Medical Society; Chenango County Medical Society; and the American Climatological Association.

JA. SANDERS, who is living in the village of Afton, is a son of Harry and Ruth (Allen) Sanders, and was born in Unadilla, Otsego County, N. Y., March 1, 1848. The father of our subject died when our subject was but three years of age, and his mother passed from this life one year later. He had two sisters, Julia and Adaline, and they were reared by their uncle, John Allen, a direct descendant of Ethan Allen, and who was a farmer in the State of Wisconsin. Julia, the eldest, became the wife of George W. Leopard, and they make their home in Shreveport, La. Adaline, deceased, was the wife of Edward Colton.

Our subject was reared by his uncle, William Hinman of Coventry, this county, but later a resident of Susquehanna, Pa. Our subject returned with his uncle to Coventry at the age of ten years, and worked for different farmers during the summer months, and during the winters attended school; his industry and perseverance supplied what at this later day the youth of America now seemingly acquire without a struggle. In 1872 he rented a farm and carried on farming for one year, and for five succeeding years he hired out to the surrounding farmers. In 1878 he went west to seek a fortune

and first located in San Antonio, Texas, where he managed a ranch of 8,000 acres for two years. He also raised cattle for himself, and was very successful. He then went to Russell, Kansas, remaining there through the winter, prospecting and speculating in lands and live stock. In the spring of 1881 he purchased a team, and with his wife he set his face westward for the land on the extreme western shore. Their outfit consisted of a span of horses and wagon, and they camped and cooked by the wayside; after traveling four months they reached Dayton, Washington. He soon found a position with the Oregon Improvement Company, and after one year he was appointed superintendent and sent to Endicott, the same state. In 1884 he was employed a short time as clerk in a store, and later he purchased a hotel, which he conducted until 1887, when he again clerked in a store. In the spring of 1888 he moved to Puget Sound, prospecting for about four months, and then moved to Tekoa, where he built a hotel, which he conducted until 1889. In 1890 he bought a half interest in a hardware store, which he continued to operate until 1894, when he returned to his native state and settled in Afton, Chenango County. He purchased one of the most beautiful farms in the state, which is situated on a high bluff, commanding magnificent views of the Susquehanna River and the beautiful scenery in the surrounding country. He also owns a farm of 160 acres in Tekoa, Wash., which he rents.

Our subject has been twice married. His first wife, Mary Parker of Coventry township, bore him two children, both of whom

died in infancy. Mr. Sanders was again married in 1894, to Miss Belle C. Dorwin of Afton. Our subject has always been a stanch Republican, and has filled town offices where he has lived. He served as commissioner of Tekoa for six years. He is now a member of the board of trustees of Afton village. Religiously, he is one of the leading and prominent members of the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a trustee. Socially, Mr. Sanders is a member of the Tekoa Lodge, No. 78, I. O. O. F., and a member of the Tekoa Lodge, No. 52, K. of P. The progress which our subject has made from poverty to comparative affluence marks him as a man of no ordinary ability. Beginning with empty pockets, but with willing hands and a strong will, he is now in the enjoyment of a well-earned competency. His business qualities, no less than his fidelity to all his obligations in life, have contributed to give him a wide influence in the community in which he lives. His portrait appears on another page in proximity to this.

HARRY TEW, a prominent painter, and manager of the Citizens' Opera House of Oxford, was born in Buckingham, England, March 12, 1850. He is a son of William and Sarah (Churchill) Tew, the former a native of Buckingham and the latter of Deddington, Oxford County, England.

William Tew, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of England and a farmer by vocation. He followed his chosen occupa-

tion all his life and was very successful. He was the father of thirteen children, of whom the father of our subject was the third son. In religious belief he was an Episcopalian.

William Tew received his education in the common schools of England, and then learned the trade of a shoemaker, which he followed for a number of years. In 1873 he emigrated to the United States and settled in Farmington, Connecticut. He purchased the farm he still owns, and carried on general farming, in which he has been prospered. In politics, he is a stanch Republican. He was united in marriage with Sarah Churchill, and they reared the following children: Harry; Carrie M.; Elizabeth; and Jane. Mrs. Tew passed from this life at an advanced age; Mr. Tew has passed his seventy-sixth year, and is remarkably hale and hearty.

Harry Tew received his education in the schools of Buckingham, England, and then followed shoemaking for a short time in his father's shop. For three years he followed the trade of a painter, and then, in 1868, he came to the United States, and located at Oxford, N. Y. In 1870, he opened up a paint shop, in which he employed several men, doing an extensive business. He took in William Taft as a partner, and for several years they carried on the business under the name of Tew & Taft. Later they dissolved partnership, and Mr. Tew conducted the business alone. In 1891, he took charge of the Citizens' Opera House, and also has charge of the new Bank Building, and was janitor of the old Oxford Academy for nine years. Mr. Tew is an avowed Republican.

In 1873, our subject married Sarah Tew,

daughter of James Tew. Although they are of the same name, they are not related. They are the parents of three children: Clara M., a graduate of Oxford Academy; Herbert C., a tinner and plumber, living at home; and Gertrude E. Mr. Tew is a member of the following lodges: Oxford Lodge, No. 175, F. & A. M.; Oxford Chapter, No. 254; Malta Commandery of Binghamton, No. 21; and the A. O. U. W. In religious views, Mr. and Mrs. Tew are members of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Tew's first wife passed from this life in 1880. He chose for his second wife Susan Chappell of Oxford.

DE WITT FREDENBERG, a prosperous and enterprising merchant of Beaver Meadows, town of Otselic, was born January 5, 1835, in the town of Root, Montgomery County, N. Y. He is a son of Abram F. and Rosanna (Colepaugh) Fredenberg. The Fredenberg ancestry originally came from Holland, while that of the Colepaughs came from Germany, thus two branches of the sturdy Teutonic race are united in the Fredenberg family.

Abram F. Fredenberg was a native of Schoharie County, N. Y., where he passed his early days. When a young man he moved to Montgomery County, where he remained until 1839, when he moved to Plymouth, Chenango County, N. Y. His occupation was that of a laborer, which he followed all his life. He was joined in Hymen's bonds with Miss Rosanna Colepaugh, who was reared in the vicinity of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredenberg both reached the age of seventy-two before passing to their eternal rest. They were the parents of the following children: Serena, deceased, was the wife of John W. Bennett, of Montgomery County, N. Y.; Walter, deceased, was a resident of Monroe County, N. Y.; George, deceased, was a stone mason, of Wayne County, N. Y.; Elizabeth and her husband, Cyrus Bennett, make their home at Binghamton, N. Y.; William, deceased, was a farmer of Plymouth; Eli, deceased, was a stone mason of Howard, Mich.; De Witt, who died in infancy; De Witt, our subject; and Mahala, who was married to Bennett Simons of Smyrna, this county, and is now deceased.

De Witt Fredenberg received his education in the district schools, after which he engaged in farming. He followed agricultural pursuits until he was about twenty-four years of age, when he went to Erie County, Pa., where he sold and repaired saws of all kinds as a means of earning a livelihood. He remained there for six years, and in 1868 came to Beaver Meadows, town of Otselic, where he again engaged in the saw business. In 1887 he embarked in commercial pursuits: he conducts a general store and carries a full line of groceries, dry goods, ready-made clothing, hardware and crockery. He handles the very best of goods and the stock invoices at \$1,000.00. He has made a reputation for himself as an honest and straightforward business man, treating all alike, and he now enjoys a large trade, which yields him the comfortable income of \$6,000.00 per year.

Mr. Fredenberg's first wife was Miss Fannie Robbins of Plymouth, by whom he had four children, whose names are as follows: Alice May, who died in childhood; Seldon, who also died in childhood; Lillian, who died in infancy; also an adopted daughter, Ellen, who died at the age of fourteen. On October 22, 1886, he married Mrs. Eliza A. (Ray) Tallett, a sister of Congressman Ray of Norwich, and the widow of the late Daniel Tallett. Daniel Tallett was born in the town of Otselic, Chenango County, N. Y. He was a son of Henry and Glysara (Church) Tallett. He followed farming as an occupation, and was very successful. April 2, 1867, he was united in marriage with Miss Eliza A. Ray, and they became the parents of one child, Charles H., who is a farmer and painter of the town of Otselic. He died March 8, 1884, at Otselic. Mrs. Fredenberg is a woman of more than ordinary business ability, and has held public office; June 25, 1889, she was appointed postmaster of Beaver Meadows, and filled the office with credit. She is a faithful member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Fredenberg sides with the Prohibitionists politically, and believes that liquor is the curse of our country; he was formerly a Republican, and for four years was a justice of the peace.

GEORGE C. ROBERTS is one of the proprietors of the Chenango American at Greene, N. Y. The Chenango American is Republican in its politics, and is able and earnest in its advocacy of Republican

principles. At the head of this paper are men, who are giving their entire time toward building up the enterprise, increasing the journal's influence and circulation, and making it popular and a necessity with the people. If talent, indomitable energy and perseverance will win, and they generally do, there will be no occasion to write the obituary of the Chenango American.

The subject of this notice is a son of Dr. George W. Roberts, who was born in Meriden, Conn. His father was an old English sea captain and was born in England. Dr. Roberts, being a poor boy, was bound out to a farmer, in whose service he spent his early days. After attaining his majority, being desirous of taking up a profession, he accordingly took a course of study, fitting himself for a dentist. He followed that profession for a few years; owing to his ill health, however, he abandoned it and took up the profession of medicine. He studied with Dr. Hoffendale of Albany, and later graduated from the medical college of Castleton, Vermont. Dr. Roberts had a sister who lived in Greene, N. Y., and thinking a visit in the country would do him good, he came to Greene and resided for a few years. Soon after reaching here, he was called upon to attend cases, and his success in the first few created a demand for his services, and he soon acquired a large practice, compelling him to make long drives through the country. He followed his chosen occupation for thirty years and finally dropped dead by the bedside of one of his patients in 1870, at the age of fifty-nine years. Very little need be said by us in regard to the character and capabilities of Dr.

Roberts; the record speaks for itself. It will at once be seen that he was a citizen of importance and a valued physician and surgeon, and as such contributed his quota to advance the interests of his community and county. He married Deborah Graves of Athens, N. Y., and they reared eight children, namely: George C.; Dr. Charles G.; Deborah; Mary, deceased; Dr. A. C. R. Stevens; Hannah, deceased; Dr. Joel L.; and Dr. Frank P. Mrs. Roberts died at the age of seventy-four years.

George C. Roberts was born in the city of Troy, N. Y., February 2, 1834. His father came to Greene when our subject was but six years of age, and in that town George C. received his primary education. He then took an advanced course in Oxford Academy, and upon leaving school went to California, where he remained for six years. Returning to Greene in 1857, he began to work in the office of the *Chenango American*, and a few years later he purchased a half interest in the same, which business has interested him ever since. When rumors of war began to be heard in the land, and the Rebellion had assumed alarming proportions, Mr. Roberts, laying aside his personal interests and the demands of business, determined to go to the rescue of the Union. He accordingly served on the United States Steamer *Maumee*.

December 12, 1864, he was united in marriage with Helen J. Gray, and they are the parents of three children, whose names are as follows: George B.; Wilkie C.; and Mabel L. (Cooley). In politics, Mr. Roberts is an uncompromising Republican, and holds to the principles of his party with the stead-

fastness that characterizes all the other actions of his life. He is decided in his opinions and fearless in the maintenance of them. Our subject has thoroughly learned the newspaper business and understands how to conduct a journal. The reading matter of the *Chenango American* is well selected, its editorials good, and its locals crisp, fresh, and entertaining.

ADDISON DUDLEY ADAMS, deceased, was one of the enterprising citizens and proprietor of one of the leading dry goods and drug stores in the village of Greene, and was born in Durham, Greene County, N. Y., being a son of Platt and Clarrissa (Dudley) Adams.

The Adams family is of Scotch descent, and is known to have come to this country in the latter part of the Eighteenth Century, about 1775. Platt Adams, the father of our subject, was admitted to the bar, but disliking the profession he turned his attentions toward mercantile pursuits. Later he became a banker, and when the 1812 War broke out he formed a small company in his native village, and was commissioned a colonel. In 1839 he moved to New York City, where he engaged in the publishing of bank books and supplies. Later he became a broker on Wall Street, in which he was very successful. He chose for his companion Miss Clarrissa Dudley of Lisle, N. Y., and they reared the following children: Addison Dudley, the subject of this personal history; Grosvenor; Frances; and Emily C. Grosvenor Adams

was united in marriage with Nancy Cone, a native of Connecticut, and they were the parents of four children, namely: Barclay; Grosvenor; Sarah; and Annie. Frances Adams was united in marriage with Ebenezer Jennings, and one child blessed their home, Emily. Emily C. Adams was the wife of Dudley Kavanagh of New York City. Mr. Adams was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church. He passed from this life May 14, 1887.

Addison Dudley Adams received his elementary education in the public schools of his native town, and after attaining a fair education he left school and moved to the village of Oxford, this county, and engaged in mercantile business. In 1839 he moved to the village of Greene, where he conducted a dry goods store. As the business increased he added a complete line of drugs, and through his popularity and the manner in which he treats his customers, he soon built up an enviable trade.

Addison Dudley Adams formed a matrimonial alliance with Mary Perry, daughter of John and Mary (Welch) Perry of Oxford, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Perry are both natives of New London, Conn., and they reared a family of six children, who were as follows: Platt, who married Claire Varlet of Paris, France; John P. married Calista Weaver of Syracuse, N. Y., and they are the parents of two children, Edwin P. and Mabel; William A., deceased, was married to Mary Rule, and they had three children, Platt, William A., and Benjamin W.; Reuben A., deceased; Augustus Willard; and Emily, the wife of Romeo M. Wilbur of New York

City, now a resident of Chicago, Ill. Mr. Adams was a Democrat in politics, and always voted with his party when opportunities presented themselves. He held the position of supervisor for several terms. Socially, he was a member of the Eastern Star Lodge, No. 126, F. & A. M. Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Adams were both popular and devoted members of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Adams crossed the river and rejoined those beyond in 1878. His death was mourned by many friends and the best citizens of Greene, for he had firmly established himself in their regard as a man of strict integrity, and disposed to many kind actions. Mrs. Adams is still residing in the village of Greene, and has excellent reason to be proud of her family, to whom she has been one of the kindest and most faithful mothers. By the loveliness of her life and her strict devotion to duty, she has won the esteem and confidence of all who know her.

J HENRY BROWN, the owner and proprietor of the South Otselic Mills, is a son of James and Louisa (Duncan) Brown, and grandson of Edmund Brown, who was one of the earliest residents of South Otselic, and a farmer by occupation. Edmund Brown was the father of a large family, as follows: Edward; Daniel; Maribah; Eliza; Lyman; and James, the father of our subject. Mrs. Brown died about 1830, and a few years after her death Mr. Brown married a Miss Waite, from which



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union there resulted three children—Morris, Mary, and Lucius.

James Brown was born and reared in the town of Otselic, where he tilled the soil during his early days; he gave up farming in 1857, and moved to the village of South Otselic, where he operated the South Otselic Grist and Flour Mill. The mill was built and originally owned by his two brothers, Edmund and Daniel, from whom he bought it. For thirty-five years, he conducted this business, and by successful management kept it on a good paying basis. He was a public-spirited man, and for a number of years held the office of justice of the peace, which he filled creditably; he held the respect and confidence of his fellow-citizens, and was appointed administrator of many estates in the neighborhood, which he always settled satisfactorily. He was originally a Whig, but later he became a Republican. Religiously, he was an earnest member of the Baptist Church. Socially, he was a Mason and a Knight Templar. Mr. Brown's first wife was Miss Louisa Duncan, and their only child was J. Henry Brown, our subject. His second wife was Miss Harriet Sabin. He departed this world, in 1892, after a long and useful life.

J. Henry Brown was born at South Otselic, Chenango County, N. Y., September 28, 1857. He received his education in the district schools of his native town; his first work was in his father's mill while yet a boy, and there he worked until after his marriage. He then moved to Lincklaen, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits for eight years; he also hauled freight from George-

town Station to South Otselic, during two years of this time. He hauled freight until 1892, when his father having gone to his long home, he in connection with S. Johnson rented the mill; at the expiration of three years, he became the sole owner. He manufactures flour of a superior grade, also feed, meal, etc.; there is a large demand for his roller buckwheat flour, which is known to be of excellent quality. He also has a large retail as well as wholesale trade. The mill contains machinery that has the latest improvements, and enables him to put the very best article on the market. The mill contains two sets of burrs, having a capacity of 20 bushels per hour, and is run by water power.

Mr. Brown was joined in marriage with Ida E. Sanford, a daughter of the late Robert Sanford of Texas Valley, Cortland County, N. Y.; they became the proud parents of four children, of whom two are now living. The record is as follows: James Leo, a lad of fourteen years, who weighs 200 lbs.; Henry Lloyd; a son, who died in infancy; and Orlo, who also died in infancy. In political belief, the subject of this notice is a Republican. He has lived a useful and upright life, and he and his wife have always been respected by their fellow-citizens.

DR. LEONARD M. JOHNSON, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Greene, and a veteran of the Civil War, was born in the

village of Le Raysville, Pa., January 24, 1830.

Rev. Leonard Johnson, the father of our subject, was born and reared in the State of Vermont, and gained some renown as a minister of the Congregational Church. After receiving a good preparatory education in the common schools, he attended the Theological Seminary at Andover, Mass. His ministerial career then began, and the remainder of his life was devoted to preaching the Gospel, and winning souls to the Standard of the Cross. Most of his charges were in the State of New York, but wherever he went he made many friends by his true Christian bearing and his kindly demeanor. His useful life came to an end in 1858, at Triangle, Broome County, N. Y. He was joined in the holy bonds of wedlock with Miss Harriet N. Hatch, a native of Vermont, and they reared the following children: Harriet N., who married Theodore Rogers, now of Binghamton, N. Y.; Leonard M., whose name appears at the head of this biography; Uriel C., deceased; Charles, deceased; George; Joseph M.; John H.; William E., deceased; and H. Norton, deceased. Mrs. Johnson survived her husband many years, and died at the age of eighty-three.

Leonard M. Johnson received the benefits of a good school and college education. After taking the required course in the common schools of Manchester, Vt., he attended the Delaware Literary Institute of Franklin, N. Y., and later was a student in Binghamton Academy. He then took a course in Hamilton College, after which he went south to teach school. He located in Virginia, where he

acted as private tutor for two years, and then decided to take up the study of medicine. He returned to New York State, and began to study with Dr. Daniels of Union, N. Y., and graduated from the Albany Medical College with the class of 1855. During his study with that experienced doctor, he had every opportunity to become thoroughly acquainted with the intricacies of his profession, and he soon became qualified to handle the most complicated cases. His first field of practice was in New Ohio, and after a period of one year he went to Berkshire, N. Y., where he gained quite a successful practice. Thinking the West offered better opportunities for enterprising young men, he moved to Brownville, Neb. He had been there about two years when the Civil War broke out, and he gave up a lucrative practice and returned to New York, where he enlisted as assistant surgeon in the 3d Reg. N. Y. Vol. Inf. He was soon promoted to the position of surgeon, and his services in caring for the wounded were invaluable. He served through the war and gained a great reputation as a skillful performer with the knife. After the war had closed he moved to Greene, where he has since practiced and become one of the leading physicians of the community. He has made many friends since his residence here, and they all bear testimony to his worth and influence in the community.

In 1858, Dr. Johnson was united in marriage with Miss Adelaide A. Keeler of Union, N. Y., and they are the parents of three children, whose names are as follows: Stella T.; Harriet N., who married Norris Packard;

and Tracy K. Socially, our subject is a member of the Eastern Light Lodge, No. 126, F. & A. M., of Greene. He belongs to the J. G. Banks Post, No. 137, G. A. R. He is also a member of the Chenango County Medical Association, and the New York State Medical Association. In politics he is an unswerving Republican.

ALMER H. PHELPS of New Berlin is proprietor of the principal dry goods store in the village, which is also one of the best in the county. He is a son of Henry and Thankful (Harrington) Phelps, and was born in South Edmeston, Otsego County, N. Y., September 26, 1845.

Travis Phelps, the grandfather of our subject, was a farmer by occupation, and spent most of his life in South Edmeston. He was one of the good substantial citizens of the town, and was well known all over Otsego County.

Henry Phelps was born in 1816, in the town of Edmeston, and resided there until 1865, when he moved to New Berlin, Chenango County. His trade was that of a wagon maker, and was his main occupation, but he also followed farming during the summer months. In 1887, he moved to Middleport, Niagara County, N. Y., where he now resides. In 1890, after many years spent in toil, Mr. Phelps retired from active business, and is spending the sunset of life in quiet and peace on his farm. His companion in life was Thankful Harrington, and two children blessed their union, namely: Almer H., whose name heads these lines; and

Alice, who is living with her father at Middleport.

Almer H. Phelps, after completing the required course in the public schools entered the New Berlin Academy. He left school at the age of nineteen, and as a means of earning a livelihood he engaged as clerk in the dry goods store of Morgan & Hawkins. Later the firm became Morgan & Finch, and he remained in their employ until 1870, when he was taken into the firm. The firm name then became Morgan, Finch & Phelps, and they conducted their business on North Main Street. As Mr. Phelps was a man who paid strict attention to business during his clerkship, and during those years spent in partnership with Messers. Morgan and Finch, he acquired considerable experience, and was well qualified to take the next step up in the ladder of life. He purchased his partners' interests in the store and has since conducted it alone, and under his capable management the business has flourished and become one of the largest, in its line, in Chenango County. He carries a complete and excellent line of dry goods, carpets, clothing, and ladies' and misses' shoes. His store is neat, clean, and tidy, and carefully systematized, making it an actual pleasure as well as a duty for the residents of New Berlin to trade there. He is enterprising and energetic and conducts business on recognized principles. In 1884, the store on North Main Street was burned down, and three years later he built a fine building on South Main Street, where he has since conducted his business. It is a large three story building, with a 24 ft. front and a depth of 85 ft.

In 1871, Mr. Phelps formed a matrimonial alliance with Miss Nettie Ward, a native of New Berlin. His second union was with Susan E. Harvey of New Berlin, and occurred in 1891. Religiously, he is a member of the Episcopal Church of New Berlin, and has contributed largely to the support of that organization.

HENRY STERNBERG, who was one of the leading and substantial farmers of Smyrna, now living in retirement in Norwich village, was born in the town of Lebanon, Madison County, April 17, 1838. He is a son of Adam and Susan (Neville) Sternberg.

Adam Sternberg was born near Oneida Community, Oneida County, N. Y. In 1837 he came to Smyrna and bought a farm in the western part of the town, commonly known as Beaver Meadows, which was partly improved. After making extensive alterations, he sold this farm and bought what is now known as the Charles Brown farm. He was a successful man, and by thrift and economy became a prosperous farmer. From there he moved to Plymouth, where he purchased a small home and led the life of a retired citizen. He married Miss Susan Neville, and reared a large and intelligent family, whose members were named: Sarah; Elizabeth; Henry, our subject; Mary; John W., who died aged eight years; and Helen. The children now living are all well-to-do, and are among the most respected citizens in their various localities. Mr. Sternberg died aged

sixty-seven years. Mrs. Sternberg passed from this life at the age of sixty-eight years.

Henry Sternberg, our subject, upon leaving home, purchased the farm now owned by P. D. Nearing, and after living there a few years, he sold the property, and rented a farm in the town of Sherburne, near East Earlville. He remained there for ten years, when he rented the William Saxton farm, where he remained for the next four years. Upon leaving this property he bought the present farm of P. D. Nearing, consisting of 146 acres, on which he built the finest set of buildings in the town, and as good as there is in the county. This farm is a part of the old Isaac Foote tract, located in the valley near Smyrna village, and is considered very historical, as Isaac Foote was one of the first settlers in the county, and the old orchard owes its origin to his labors. Mr. Sternberg not only proved himself a successful man, but also a model farmer. On account of failing health Mr. Sternberg moved to Norwich, where he is pleasantly located at No. 47 Cortland Street. Perhaps there was no other man in the county who kept his barns and barn-yard in such a state of cleanliness as Mr. Sternberg. His farm was stocked with eighteen head of fine grade Holstein milch cows.

Mr. Sternberg married Abbie Brown, daughter of Pardon Brown, a prominent and well-to-do farmer of Plymouth. Two children have been reared by our subject and wife: Starr P., now living in Smyrna; and Earl W., of the firm of Ferris, Sternberg & Co., general merchants of Smyrna, who has won many friends by his strict integrity.

Mr. Sternberg, politically, is a Democrat, and is an active supporter of the party. He is a man who tends strictly to business, and prefers private life to public distinction.

CHESTER W. CORBIN. Among the representative and influential farmers of Central New York, who have contributed largely to the position that Chenango County has attained among the counties of the Empire State, is the above named gentleman, who was born on the old homestead in Afton village, December 31, 1842, and is a son of William W. and Eunice Ann (White) Corbin, and grandson of Sylvester Corbin.

Sylvester Corbin first saw the light of day in the State of Vermont, June 17, 1771, and closed his eyes and entered the world of rest in the village of North Norwich, July 12, 1836. He operated a saw mill, and farmed to considerable extent, and was the owner of a tract of land almost a mile square. This first purchase was located in the village of Bainbridge, and he soon gained the reputation of being one of the most progressive and enterprising farmers in that section of the county. In politics, he was a leader of the Democratic party in his community, and for years he served as a justice of the peace and township supervisor. He was united in wedlock, May 2, 1796, with Eunice White, and they reared the following children, namely: Ezra, born February 20, 1797; Richmond, born July 18, 1798; Patience, born January 28, 1801; William W., born February 23,

1803, the father of our subject; and Squire W., born April 24, 1806. Upon the death of his first wife, Sylvester Corbin married Nancy Hunt, August 24, 1833.

William W. Corbin, the father of our subject, was born on the old homestead, and when he attained his majority he engaged in the lumber business, which was his chief occupation throughout his active life. He purchased large tracts of timber lands, and after clearing the farm he would sell the property at a good price, and would float the lumber down the Delaware River to Philadelphia, where there was always a good market. He was the most progressive lumberman in Chenango County and kept two saw mills constantly at work, one of which was located at North Norwich, while the other one was on the old homestead. He was extensively engaged in farming, and also dealt in sheep and wool. Politically, he was a Democrat, but when the platform of that party no longer coincided with his views, he joined the ranks of the Republican party, and remained identified with that organization the rest of his life. He was by no means an office seeker, but owing to his popularity he was forced to serve as assessor, and was re-elected for eight or ten succeeding terms. Mr. Corbin was an active and consistent worker of the Universalist Church, with which he and his family held membership. Mr. Corbin entered the world of rest, May 24, 1875. He was joined in wedlock with Eunice Ann White, and their home was blessed by the following children: Francis G., born March 24, 1832, and died in his infancy; Devillo, a prominent farmer of Bainbridge

township; William H., born December 16, 1839, and died young; Chester W., the subject of this personal history; Frank Jerome, born April 8, 1849, and died October 27, 1876; and George A., born March 9, 1852, and died August 3, 1875. Mrs. Corbin was a daughter of Dr. Asa White, a successful physician of Chenango County, and a resident of Sherburne for many years. Dr. White left his home in Sherburne and started west on a prospecting tour; while traveling in Missouri, he was caught in a blinding snow storm, became bewildered and lost his way, and so was frozen to death.

Our subject received his intellectual training in the common schools, and then engaged in farm work on the old homestead, and is one of the wide-awake farmers in his community. When President Lincoln issued a call for troops to put down the Rebellion, our subject laid aside all plans for the future and enlisted in the Army, August 9, 1863, in Co. H., 114th Reg. N. Y. Vol. Inf., and served six months, when he was taken sick with typhoid fever and was compelled to return home.

Mr. Corbin was united in the bonds of matrimony, October 13, 1869, with Gertrude M. Humphrey, daughter of Dr. W. T. Humphrey of Osceola. Dr. W. T. Humphrey was born December 22, 1824, was educated in his native village, and then engaged in teaching school for some time, and after deciding upon a profession, entered the Albany Medical School, from which institution of merit he was graduated in 1848. Soon after his marriage to Mary P. Kelsey of Bainbridge, he moved to Addison, and one year later took up his residence in Elkland, where he re-

mained eight years, practicing his chosen profession, and succeeding in building up a large and successful practice. He left there in April, 1857, and located in Osceola, Tioga County, Pa. When the Civil War broke out he enlisted, and was assistant surgeon of the 13th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., which regiment was known as the "Flint Rifles" and the "Buck-tails;" later he was a member of the 42nd Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., and on September 12, 1862, was transferred to the 149th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf., which was mostly recruited from Tioga County. He was chief surgeon of the Third Division, First Army Corps, and was placed on the staff of Maj.-Gen. Doubleday, and soon after became medical director of that corps. After serving three years and seven months his health failed him and he resigned his position, January 17, 1865, and returned to his home in Tioga County, Pa. At Chancellorsville Dr. Humphrey was surgeon of the Twenty-second Brigade, Third Division, of the First Army Corps. During the battle of Gettysburg a Catholic Church was used as a hospital, and during the first day's engagement the town was taken by the rebels, and Mr. Humphrey was taken also a prisoner. He had his horse and saddle and medical instruments taken from him. As the wounded soldiers did not occupy all of his time, he went up into the belfry of the church and watched the battle and saw Pickett make his last charge against the Union forces; the Rebel Major, who was with him, saw the Confederates defeated and retreat in confusion, and did not attempt to conceal his chagrin, but poured out volleys of oaths and maledictions upon the heads of the despised



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Yankee conquerors. That day the Union forces occupied the city; and Dr. Humphrey again joined his regiment and remained with them throughout the campaign of the Army of the Potomac. Dr. Humphrey was an active Republican, and after his return from the war he was elected to the State Legislature of Pennsylvania in 1865-66-74 75-76. He was twice united in marriage; to his first wife three children were born: Gertrude; W. G.; and Jennie G. His second wife was Mary Barker, who survives him.

Mr. and Mrs. Corbin have but one child, Mabel G., born November 11, 1883. In politics, our subject is an ardent Republican. Socially, he is a member of the G. A. R.; Loyal Legion; and A. O. U. W.

HENRY A. CLARK is one of the oldest, as he is one of the most respected citizens of Bainbridge. For over half a century has his well known figure been conspicuous in the village, while his talent as a lawyer and his ready wit have secured for him more than local fame. Born August 3, 1815, in Sidney, Delaware County, N. Y., a son of Ezra and Mary (Foote) Clark, he came to Bainbridge while yet a young man, and has grown to old age here, winning his way into the hearts of the people by his many excellent traits, even as he won distinction by his keen logic and eloquent speeches.

As far as is authentically known, the first one of this family to settle in America was a Samuel Clark, one of twenty men who became dissatisfied with the methods of the

colony of which they were members, and decided to establish for themselves independent homes; they left the colony at Westerfield and settled at Pippowams, now Stanford, Conn.

Ezra Clark was one of the descendants of this pioneer; his father was born in March, 1713, in Bedford, N. Y., and died in September, 1791. Ezra was born September 15, 1779, and devoted his life to agriculture in Sidney, Delaware County, N. Y. He was a Whig, and while he took no active part in the political affairs of the nation, yet he was well posted on them and could furnish most convincing reasons for his beliefs. He twice entered the matrimonial state. His first wife was Polly Banks, to whom he was married in May, 1799, and who died seven years later, May 3, 1806, leaving four motherless little ones, as follows: Samuel, born January 29, 1800; Sallie, born September 30, 1801; Hiram, born October 11, 1803; Mary, born March 9, 1806, and but two months old at the time of her mother's death. As his second wife Mr. Clark chose Mary Foote, who was born September 24, 1776, a daughter of a Revolutionary soldier who served at West Point with Washington. To this union were born six children: Elizabeth, born August 14, 1808, and died July 15, 1866; Joseph F., born July 1, 1810, and died June 25, 1877; Susan, born January 24, 1812, and died February 24, 1855; Harriet, born May 13, 1814, and died August 24, 1814; Henry A.; and Catherine J., born August 1, 1819, also deceased. The father died May 24, 1858, two weeks later than the mother, who was taken to her eternal rest May 8, 1858.

Henry A. Clark graduated from Hamilton College in 1838, and then went to Buffalo, where he studied law with attorney Talcott. He was admitted to the bar in 1839, and at once came to Bainbridge, where he took possession of the office formerly occupied by John C. Clark, and has been engaged in the practice of his profession ever since. He met with flattering success from the first, and at one time he had more cases upon the calendar than any attorney in the county. His manner of speaking was easy and flowing, not labored or ostentatious; his object was to present his subject, not himself to his hearers, and this he did in such a clear and convincing manner that the speaker was lost sight of in the speech. In addressing a jury he appealed to their judgment rather than to their emotions, his masterly efforts and concise statements deciding many suits in his favor. He is a citizen of whom any community might well be proud, and Chenango County holds him among her most respected and honored residents. His first vote was cast for General Harrison, and he remained with the Whig party until its displacement by the Republican party, when he became a member of the latter organization. In 1861 he was elected State Senator by the Republicans and Union Democrats for the district comprising Chenango, Cortland and Madison Counties; he was given 8,000 majority, the largest ever received by any candidate in the district. The Biographical Sketches of Senators and Members of Assembly, compiled in 1862-63, have this to say regarding him: "Henry A. Clark is a man of great sagacity and unwearied industry, devoting the whole

power of his mind to the performance of his duties. Hence, as a legislator his services are invaluable; and if his example could be generally followed we would have better, or at least more intelligible laws, less speaking for political effect, and more of practical, honest legislation for the benefit of the people." He was appointed chairman of the Senatorial Recruiting Committee by Gov. Morgan the first year of his senatorship, and he performed the duties of that office, as he did all the duties that fell to his share, conscientiously and to the best of his ability, giving entire satisfaction to his constituents. In company with Mr. Bundy, afterwards a Member of Congress, he recruited Co. H. for the U. S. service in the late Civil War. Mr. Clark was united in marriage with Ellen A. Curtiss, who was born in 1835. They are the parents of two sons and two daughters: Ellen Virginia, born February 18, 1866, and died April 14, 1867; George C., born March 28, 1868, is the proprietor of the Bainbridge Republican and makes his home with his father; Charles H., born January 28, 1870, is following in the footsteps of his father, and is a rising young attorney of Bainbridge; and Ellen Josephine, who was born July 14, 1872, and resides at home with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Clark are members of the Episcopal Church, and have done their share in bringing the organization to its present flourishing condition. They are free, open-hearted and generous, and any worthy object is sure of substantial help at their hands.

As one of the most representative attorneys of Chenango County, whose connection with the bar and legal interests probably exceeds

that of any other member of the profession in this district, we take great pleasure in presenting Mr. Clark's portrait on a preceding page.

WILLIAM E. STOVER, supervisor of the town of Smyrna, and a prominent citizen of his section, is a descendant of one of the first families to settle in the northern part of Chenango County, and was born in the town of Smyrna on the farm he now owns and operates, April 4, 1860. He is a son of Richard E. and Philura P. (Keeler) Stover, and grandson of William and Betsey (Elwood) Stover. His great-grandfather was Adam Stover, and his great-great-grandfather, Jacob Stover.

Jacob Stover (or Stauffer) was the first of the family to come to America; he landed on one of the West India Islands, and remained there three months, when he was joined by his brother. He finally settled in Dutchess County, N. Y., while his brother took up his home in Pennsylvania. It is said that the latter had a large family of children, but nothing further is known of him, for communication was not to be easily had in the early part of the eighteenth century. Jacob Stover had four children: three sons, Phelta, Matinas and Adam; and one daughter, whose name is not known. Matinas and his sister, whose husband's name was Emiegh, went to Canada about the time the Revolutionary War closed, and settled near Kingston, then a wilderness. The government gave the family of each settler an axe and a hoe. The names

of Stover and Emiegh are quite common in those parts, the members of those families being invariably well-to-do people. Phelta settled in New York State, near Lake Champlain. The date of Jacob Stover's death is unknown, but he was laid to rest in the burying grounds of the old Lutheran Stone Church, beside the Lutheran minister, of whose church he was long a member.

Adam Stover, the youngest son of Jacob Stover, continued to reside in Dutchess County, and married Mary Woolweaver Koonz, a woman of high intellectual endowments. They had seven children, six sons and one daughter, namely: William; Michael; Frederick; Adam; Peter; John; and Mary, who married Peter McLees, and for her second husband Shuble Nichols. Adam Stover presented each of his sons, when they became of age, with a wagon made by him self. All his children had large families.

William Stover, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., May 23, 1765, and died in Smyrna, N. Y., November 4, 1841. On October 3, 1789, he married Elizabeth Holnbeck, who was born in 1768 and died in 1806. Their children were: Mary; Adam; Betsy; Asenath; Samuel; Hannah; Jemima; and William. In 1808 he married Betsey Elwood, who gave birth to the following children: Susan, who married Russell Wilcox; Lydia, the wife of Alfred Seymour; Benjamin; Ruth, who married Jarvis Pike; John A.; Catherine (Mrs. Thomas L. Willcox), and Richard Elwood, our subject's father. The father of Betsey (Elwood) Stover was Richard Elwood, whose wife was Catherine Bell, and whose children

were: Polly (Spencer); Betsey (Stover); Susan (Wilcox); Catherine (Russell); Margaret (Morse); Dorothy (Goodman); Benjamin R.; Daniel; Peter P.; John B.; and Isaac R. The last named was a lawyer, and clerk of the New York Senate from 1843 to 1847, inclusive. John B., a physician, resided in Rochester, and was mayor of that city in 1847. Betsey (Elwood) Stover was born in 1778, and died in Smyrna in 1855.

William Stover, when he came to Chenango County as a young man, purchased a tract of about 400 acres of land in the town of Smyrna, then Sherburne, where he farmed the rest of his life, and reared his large family of children. He built himself a house near the present dwelling of our subject, the latter structure being erected about 1814. He was a man of good business instincts, thrifty and energetic, and accumulated a considerable fortune for those days, being considered a man of much more than ordinary ability, and was accorded a high place in the community. He at one time was a member of the sect of Reformed Methodists, but finally withdrew from that denomination for some cause or other, and built a church on his own land at his own expense, which he ever afterward supported, allowing no contributions to be taken, but paying all the bills himself. Ministers of every denomination were welcomed and invited to occupy the pulpit, when it was not his regular preaching day, for he himself was a minister of no small renown. He was a very well educated man, and could speak German fluently. He was charitable and benevolent by nature, and was always ready to relieve the want and misery of those in

need. He was a Christian, and a truly good man, with most exemplary habits; it is affirmed that he never used tobacco in any form, nor did any of his sons ever learn to use the weed. The butternut grove, where he built his church, was, before the erection of that edifice, a favorite spot for the holding of quarterly meetings, and at least one such conference was held in the church after its erection. One of these largely attended meetings, held there about 1828, had among those present no less a person than Brigham Young, in later years the head of the Mormon Church. Our subject's grandfather was without doubt one of the great men of his section, and did an incalculable amount of good in shaping the destiny of Chenango County and Central New York. He had friends by the hundred, who aided him very materially in his good work. Both of his wives seconded his efforts in the home and in more extended fields in which he was such a power for good. He was a Whig in his politics, and besides serving in other town offices, filled the office of supervisor of the town of Smyrna from 1810 to 1820.

Richard E. Stover, the father of our subject, was ushered into life in the town of Smyrna, January 21, 1822, and took up farming on a valley farm near his father's place. This property he improved in many ways, and had the reputation of being a successful as well as hard working farmer. His death, which terminated his career in 1873 at the age of fifty-one years, was the result of an accident. He was in the woods giving instructions as to how he wished a tree cut down; the tree came down with a crash,

with him well out of the way of its fall, but the jar caused a dead tree back of him to topple over and fall, a knot giving the blow that resulted in death. Mr. Stover married Philura P. Keeler in 1851; she was a daughter of Noah and Mindwell (Youngs) Keeler, and granddaughter of Nathan and Martha (Gregory) Keeler. Nathan Keeler, a native of Connecticut, moved from that state when his son Noah was a lad, and died in Otego, Otsego County, N. Y. These children constituted his family: Ebenezer, Nathan, Noah, Betsy, Esther, Nancy, Polly, and Martha; the last two remained in Connecticut. Nearly all these children reared large families, members of which went to Illinois many years ago. Noah Keeler was born in 1788, and died in Smyrna, N. Y., in 1851. He reared these children: Lucinda; Polly; Nancy; Elsie; Roxana; Rhoda; Philura (Stover); and Devolson. His wife, Mindwell, was one of a family of sixteen children. Her ancestors came from England in the latter part of the seventeenth century. Her father, Joseph Youngs, a native of Connecticut, settled near Amsterdam, N. Y., when the surrounding country was a wilderness. He served in the Revolutionary War, and in after years was never weary of eulogizing Washington, whom he had seen many times. Joseph Youngs married Elizabeth Peck, and their children had numerous descendants. Elizabeth Peck had two brothers in the Revolutionary War, both of whom were killed in battle; they both participated in the battle of Bunker's Hill. Their mother, who lived within hearing of the guns, passed the time of the conflict in great anxiety. She died in Albany at ninety years of age.

There were born to our subject's father and his wife two children, namely: William E., our subject; and Burt W., who married Miss Jessie Nash of Poolville, N. Y., and lives at Norwich, this county, where he is filling the office of deputy county clerk. He was educated at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass. Richard E. Stover was a Republican of decided views and well formed opinions; he held several town offices, and was railroad commissioner for many years. The M. E. Church was his church home.

William E. Stover, in whom the interest of this personal narration centers, was given a good, practical education in the district schools, and in a private school of Utica, N. Y., and with his brother ran the home farm. In 1890 Mr. Stover became connected with a drug business, which he continued some little time. Mr. Stover is also interested in the Empire Chemical Co. of Earlville, N. Y. He is actively interested in the material progress and welfare of the town of Smyrna, and is a staunch Republican in his political views. He has been justice of the peace since 1881, served as road commissioner two years, and as supervisor six years, in which capacity he is now laboring in behalf of Smyrna.

WILLIAM W. ENGLISH, a retired farmer and stock dealer of Greene township, now a resident of Willards, this county, was born in the town of Greene, Chenango County, N. Y., November 1, 1834. He is a son of Clark and Ann (Whitbeck)

English, and grandson of Jonathan and Isabella (Niles) English.

Jonathan English was born May 2, 1775, and came from Easton, Washington County, N. Y., to Chenango County, where he located in the south-eastern part of the town of Greene. He was one of the pioneers to settle in this county, and was one of those who saw the forests give way to the repeated and continued blows of the hardy woodsmen's axe, and become transformed into smiling fields, covered with orchards, grain or pasturage. To his wife Isabella Niles were born the following children: Luke; Jonathan; William; Clark; David; Mercy; Mary; Chloe; Isabella; and Sarah. After the death of his first wife he married Mrs. Mary Wheeler, and they reared three children, namely: Francis M.; George W.; and Benjamin H.

Clark English, father of our subject, was born at Easton, Washington County, N. Y., April 7, 1809. He followed the trade of a carpenter a short time and later that of a cooper. In middle life he turned his attention toward the occupation of a farmer, and carried on general farming for a time. He also ran a general store and a hotel at Willards for some years, and then purchased a farm in Sapbush. Selling this farm he bought the Townsend farm, a part of which our subject now owns. Mr. English then moved to Chenango Forks, where he purchased a home, and there he lived in retirement until his death, which occurred May 13, 1881.

On February 9, 1832, Clark English married Ann Whitbeck, daughter of Walter and Lydia (Townsend) Whitbeck. Walter

Whitbeck, was a son of Walter Whitbeck, Sr., who was born in Holland, and emigrated to this country, settling in Albany, N. Y. Walter Whitbeck, Sr., reared the following children, namely: Jasper; Martin; Walter; and Cornelius. Walter Whitbeck, Jr., was born in Albany County, N. Y.; in 1826, with his horse and sleigh, he moved to Stillwater, now the town of Greene, and settled on the farm where A. Dunn now lives. He was joined in marriage with Lydia Townsend, and the following children were reared: Phoebe; Mariah; Ann; Martin; Cornelia; Walter; Andrew; and Jasper. By his second wife five children were born: Lano; Daniel; Benjamin; John; and Cornelius. Mrs. Ann English, mother of our subject, died May 13, 1887, at the advanced age of seventy-six years. Two children mourned her death: Elizabeth Amelia, who is the wife of David Rogers and the mother of these children,—Isabella, Harriet E., Edward C., and Fred B., twins; and William W., who is the subject of this personal history.

William W. English assisted his father on the farm until his marriage, February 18, 1859, to Miss Catherine C. Strickland, daughter of Jonathan and Rebecca (Dunn) Strickland. Mr. English then started to wage the battle of life purely on his own resources, renting a farm and engaging in agricultural pursuits with very little preparation to face the hardships of life, except a strong constitution and a determination to make a success. Being endowed with good judgment and perseverance, he soon got a good foothold, and, when real estate was at its highest valuation, with



GEORGE A. MUNSON.

his father he purchased the Townsend farm, retaining one-half the south side. In 1868 he built a large and commodious house and enlarged and remodeled the barns; now he owns one of the best and handsomest farms in his district. In 1870 he began to deal extensively in cattle and smaller stock, his market being at Binghamton. Shortly after the death of his wife, which occurred October 3, 1882, he retired to Chenango Forks.

Mr. and Mrs. English were the parents of three children, namely; Annie; Bell, who died at the age of four years; and Lottie L., born February 28, 1861, who married F. L. Willard, and has one child, A. May. Mr. English chose for his second wife Miss Carrie D. Smith, daughter of Oscar and Diana (Young) Smith. One son blessed their happy home, William W., born May 17, 1887. Mrs. English passed from this life in 1893, at the age of thirty-two years. For his third wife our subject chose Mrs. Mary J. Holland, widow of Sidney Holland, and daughter of David and Angeline (Litchnor) Prince. Mr. English's operations are not conducted solely for his own benefit. He sympathizes with struggling men, and, with broad views of the need of the surrounding country, he has at times engaged in enterprises that had as their object the promotion of the welfare and growth of his town. He has always been a man of sound judgment and good understanding, and has exerted a marked influence in his section, and has become a prosperous citizen as a natural result of his thrift and industry. Along social and political lines he is very energetic, and is a man whose ideas are sought for as having

real weight. He is a staunch Democrat, and has held the important office of town assessor. In religious views he is inclined to be liberal.

GEORGE A. MUNSON, a descendant of one of Smyrna's earliest farmers, and a representative of the best and most noticed stock dealers in Chenango County, was born in the village of Smyrna, this county, January 9, 1853, and is a son of Albert and Hannah (Merrell) Munson, and grandson of John and Sarah (Merrell) Munson.

John Munson was born in Barkhamsted, Litchfield County, Conn., in 1785, and in 1809, with his wife and two children, moved west and located in Smyrna. He purchased the Hutchinson farm and mills, being a miller by trade, and later he built a distillery and distilled malt liquors. He owned the only grist mill in his section of the county, and carried on milling the greater part of his life. He passed from this life in April, 1827, aged forty-two years. Mrs. Munson died January 29, 1862, at the age of seventy-two years. They were the parents of three children, who were as follows: Hannah; Albert and Eliza. Our subject's grandfather took an active part in politics and voted to uphold the principles of the Democratic party; he served as justice of the peace for many years and held several minor offices. Religiously, he and his family were devoted members of the Universalist Church.

Albert Munson, the father of our subject,

was born in the village of Smyrna, January 4, 1811, and was reared to follow the trade of a miller, which he had learned in his father's mill. This mill, upon the death of John Munson, became the property of Albert and his two sisters. Our subject's father purchased the mill from the other heirs and carried on milling until the time of his death. The mill was burned down in 1836, but was rebuilt soon after. Albert Munson was united in marriage with Hannah Merrell, and they reared and educated three children, John H., Sarah E., and George A., the subject of this brief notice. Mr. Munson closed his eyes and entered the world of rest, May 28, 1880. Mrs. Munson passed from this life November 29, 1870.

George A. Munson was educated in the common schools and then entered the Clinton Liberal Institute, from which he was graduated in 1872. He remained under the parental roof, assisting his father in his labors about the farm; after his father's death he moved to the village of Smyrna, where he owns a handsome residence; he also owns a fine farm, which he purchased from William S. Wilcox, which consists of 180 acres of the best improved land in this part of Chenango County. Since he has taken possession of this farm, he has remodeled the old barns and built new ones, and has it well stocked with some of the finest grade Jersey cows that can be found in the Empire State, in which he takes great pride. During the Chenango County Fair, held at Norwich, August 31, September 1, 2, and 3, Mr. Munson had on exhibition nine of his best Jerseys, which were premium winners. Among them

the most noted were: Gem of the County Fair, a promising three-year old, whose sire was Hugo Pogis of Smyrna, and whose dam was August Flower, one of the finest bred cows in Central New York; and Agonian Girl, a handsome yearling heifer, also sired by Hugo Pogis of Smyrna, and whose dam was Buttercup Midget. Mr. Munson is now breeding the noted St. Lambert stock. Our subject has purchased the E. W. Stokes Block, which he rents. The first floor is used for store purposes, and he has a finely furnished office on the second floor. In 1886, with his brother John, he built a fine opera house, 38 x 76, which has a seating capacity of five hundred. The second floor is rented to different organizations: the I. O. O. F.; G. A. R., and the A. O. U. W. Mr. Munson has been a director of the Chenango National Bank since 1890. October 30, 1875, our subject established the Smyrna Citizen, a newsy eight-page paper which he conducted but one year, during which time he demonstrated his ability as a writer and journalist.

Mr. Munson is one of the leading Democrats in his community, and is proud of the record he has made in that party. He is now a justice of the peace and has been for the past seventeen years, and was appointed by Gov. David B. Hill as clerk of Chenango County in 1886. Socially, our subject is a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, No. 116, in which he is past grand, past deputy and grand master. He is also a member of Sherburne Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 444. Mr. Munson has lived in Chenango County all his life, and has witnessed its development from an uncultivated condition to that of one

of the most productive agricultural counties in the State, and he has been more or less connected with its progress and advancement. His business career has been marked with naught except straightforward and honorable dealing with all, and indeed he is one of the most respected and esteemed citizens, not only of his community in which he lives, but also of the county. His portrait appears on a preceding page.

ERASTUS J. BERRY, a prominent and successful farmer of South Oxford, was born in Oxford, September, 20, 1822, and is a son of Richard W. and Rosanna (Frink) Berry.

Richard W. Berry was born in the State of Rhode Island and received his education in the common schools of his native town. Upon beginning life for himself, he followed the fishing industry for a number of years. He then took up the occupation of a farmer and became a very prosperous man. In 1817, he moved to Preston and there purchased a farm; he also owned farms in Pharsalia and Oxford. There he continued to farm, and at the time of his death was a very wealthy man. He was a man with good principles, and took an interest in all things tending to improve the condition of the farmer. He was a Jeffersonian Democrat, and was well informed on political matters.

His companion in life was Rosanna Frink, who was a native of Connecticut, and their union resulted in the birth of nine children, whose names are as follows: Richard W.;

William P.; Mary E.; Eliza; Silas E.; Hiram P.; Erastus J.; Peleg G.; and Clarinda S. In religious belief, they were members of the Universalist Church. Mr. Berry passed into the unknown beyond in 1849, at the age of sixty-seven years.

Erastus J. Berry attended the public schools of Oxford, and later graduated from Oxford Academy. He then turned his attention to farming, and became one of the leading agriculturists in the town. He is situated on a fine farm near South Oxford, which is well stocked and supplied with good buildings, which are so necessary for carrying on farming in a proper manner. He was united in marriage with Emily Comstock of McDonough, and they became the parents of two children, namely: Daniel F., who married Isabel Tyler of Smithville, N. Y.; and Bertha L., who married Clark Stratton of South Oxford, and has one son, Percy. Mrs. Berry died at her home, June 27, 1887, aged sixty-four years. In religious belief, the family favors the Universalist Church.

JOHN W. SHEPARDSON, the popular depot agent on the N. Y., O. & W. R. R., and dealer in produce of the village of Smyrna, Chenango County, N. Y., was born in the above village September 21, 1859. He is a son of Andrew and Emma (Dalmon) Shepardson, grandson of Jonathan and Hannah (Munson) Shepardson, and great-grandson of Jonathan Shepardson.

Jonathan Shepardson, who was of Welsh

descent, came from Attleborough, Mass., and settled in the village of Plymouth, this county, where he followed the trade of a carpenter and joiner the remainder of his life. He also carried on farming, and was one of the early pioneer settlers to locate in his section of the county. While constructing a house he fell from the top of the building, the injuries received in this accident causing his death. He was twice married; to his first wife were born the following children: Jonathan, grandfather of our subject; Olive, (Phillips); Nancy; Vianna (Holden); Elmira (Colburn); and Lydia (True). By his second wife he reared three children, namely: Polly; Susan; and Luther.

Jonathan Shepardson, grandfather of our subject, was born in the village of Plymouth, Chenango County, N. Y., and during his boyhood days clerked for Harvey Talcott, in Smyrna; later he assisted John Munson, his father-in-law, in running the mills and distillery at Smyrna, and remained in the above employment until Mr. Munson's death, when he in company with Albert Munson continued the business until his (Mr. Shepardson's) death, at thirty-six years of age. He married Hannah Munson, daughter of John Munson, and she lived to pass her seventy-second birthday. One child was born to them, Andrew, the father of our subject.

Andrew Shepardson was born on the farm now owned by John Munson, December 13, 1828. He attended the public schools of his native town until he was fifteen years of age, and then entered the store of Webster Merrill; later he went to Earlville, N. Y., and worked for Mr. Mudge, who manufactured

Trask's Ointment; after remaining in this capacity a short time, he acted as traveling salesman for the above establishment. Mr. Shepardson moved to Smyrna and purchased an interest in the Munson Mills, and after conducting the same for two years, he sold his interests, and in 1869, he was appointed station agent of the N. Y. & O. M. R. R. In his prime Mr. Shepardson took an active interest in politics, and was a firm supporter of the Republican party. At one time when his residence was in Earlville he was elected justice of the peace. In 1870, he was elected to the State Assembly and served during 1871-72. He also served as supervisor of the town, U. S. assistant assessor, and town clerk of the town of Smyrna, and from 1873 to 1885 officiated as county clerk. He is now living in retirement, and is one of the most respected and esteemed citizens of Smyrna. He purchased the Isaac Collins residence on Main Street, which he remodeled and enlarged, and thus transformed it into a handsome and comfortable home. He was joined in wedlock with Miss Emma Dalmon, daughter of John Dalmon of Earlville, N. Y., and they were the parents of the following children: Walter A.; John W.; Mary E.; and Albert L. Walter A., who is a leading farmer and supervisor of Otselic, married Miss Ida Stokes, and two children blessed their home, Eri S. and a daughter, who died in infancy. Mary E. was married to Edward P. Lyons, a prominent lawyer of Brooklyn, N. Y., and four children were born to them: Edna S.; Percy S.; Harold; and Dorothy. Mrs. Shepardson passed from this life at the age of fifty-two years.

John W. Shepardson, the subject of this personal history, assisted his brother Walter A. in his work about the depot, and at the age of fifteen years he was appointed agent upon the retirement of his brother, and has occupied this important position to the present time. He also built a large storehouse, 30 x 65, and engaged in buying and shipping produce; in 1880, he shipped the first car load of hay ever shipped out of Smyrna, which have since numbered in the hundreds. He deals in coal, and sustains an excellent reputation of being one of the most energetic and prosperous business men in Smyrna. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Miss Maria B. Per Lee, and they are the parents of two children, namely: Alice M., and Charles A. The high esteem in which Mr. Shepardson is held, not only by the corporation he represents, but by the residents of the whole section which makes use of the Smyrna station, is the best evidence in the world that he is an instance of the right man in the right place.

FJOE SCHORN, a member of the firm of Schorn Bros., manufacturers of cigars in the Schorn Block on East Main Street, is one of Norwich's enterprising and successful business men. He is a son of Joseph S. and Matilda (Weiler) Schorn, and was born in 1846 in Cologne, Prussia, Germany.

Joseph S. Schorn was born in Germany, and received a good common school education. After leaving school he learned the

trade of a cabinet-maker and followed it for some time in his native city. In 1853 he came to this country and located in New York City. He again took up his trade as a cabinet-maker, and followed it in that city for three years. He next moved to Norwich and remained there until his death, which occurred in 1883. He was an unswerving Republican, and was active in the support of the party. He was united in matrimony to Matilda Weiler, a native of Cologne, Germany, and they reared nine children, whose names are as follows: F. Joe, the subject of this personal history; Jacob A.; Matilda, who became the wife of Charles Bruen; Frederick; Maria; Anna; John, deceased; Julia, who became the wife of D. I. Belden; and Josephine, the wife of H. J. Borden, whose sketch and portrait appear elsewhere in this volume.

F. Joe Schorn obtained his intellectual training in the public schools of Norwich, after which he learned the trade of a cigar-maker with William Weiler. In 1872, he started to manufacture cigars in Norwich, and has continued in that line of business since. In 1892, they erected the Schorn Block on East Main Street, where our subject now conducts his business, in partnership with his brother, J. A. Schorn. They are upright, honest, shrewd and business-like in all their dealings, and have a large share of the patronage of the village.

F. Joe Schorn has been twice bound in the holy bonds of wedlock. He first married Charlotte Rock, a daughter of William Rock, who was the resident engineer on the O. & W. R. R., and they were the parents of one

daughter, Olive. His second wife was Edith A. Young, a native of Columbus. Mr. Schorn is one of the leading politicians of Norwich, and has been chosen to represent the people at a number of Republican county conventions. He is a Republican in his views. In 1888, he was made president of the village corporation, and was re-elected in 1889. Socially, he is a Mason, being a member of the Norwich Lodge, No. 302, F. & A. M., and for six years acted as secretary of Harmony Chapter. He is also a member of Commandery No. 46, K. T. He is very popular in Norwich, and has a large circle of friends, who bear testimony to his sterling character.

JOHAN H. O'BRIAN. THE SHERBURNE NEWS, edited by Mr. O'Brian, is a striking illustration of what persistent and well-directed efforts will accomplish in the furthering of an enterprise. With a modest beginning it has developed from year to year until the publication has become one of the most substantial in Central New York. No effort has been spared to make the paper popular with the people, and that it has wonderfully succeeded is attested by the circulation books. THE SHERBURNE NEWS was established by S. B. Marsh, March 2, 1864. It was then known as THE HOME NEWS, being a sheet one column wide and nine inches long, and had only eleven subscribers, who paid ten cents per month. The paper was gradually enlarged to seven columns and four pages by its different editors, and in 1881, the date of its purchase

by Mr. O'Brian, it was enlarged to eight columns and four pages.

John H. O'Brian was born in the village of Sherburne, February 29, 1856, and is a son of Patrick and Margaret (Keeler) O'Brian, who were both born in County Cork, Ireland, and who in 1849 emigrated to America and settled in Sherburne, N. Y. Patrick O'Brian at once began work in the Pratt & Rexford storehouses, and remained in that employment for many years, during which time he accumulated enough funds to buy a neat little home and retire from active business. He chose for his life companion Margaret Keeler, and they reared a large family of children, who were as follows: Daniel, who was drowned at the age of six years; Mary; Julia; John H., our subject; William; Ella; Margaret; Annie; Lizzie; and Emma. Mrs. O'Brian died October 28, 1897, and Mr. O'Brian died April 18, 1898.

John H. O'Brian was educated in the schools of Sherburne village, and then entered the office of THE SHERBURNE NEWS as an apprentice of the printer's trade. He became thoroughly acquainted with the business, and in 1881 he purchased the plant, which under his good management has increased both in popularity and circulation. He has been the supporter and encourager of every work and purpose tending to the advancement of the interests of Sherburne village, and has cheerfully contributed of his means and influence to aid the community in sustaining its position as the seat of culture, morality and education. He purchased the Rosell Manchester property, which he has remodeled and enlarged into a fine residence.



HIRAM H. TUCKER.

He was married to Miss Ida F. Owen, eldest daughter of Dr. Ira C. Owen of Sherburne village. Two children were born to them,—Lina L., born April 11, 1887, and one that died in infancy. In politics he is a solid Republican, avowed in his allegiance to party, and firm in his advocacy of what he considers to be right. He has been clerk of the village and trustee, and has served as town clerk since 1884, and still holds the last-named position. He has been a member of the board of education several years, and takes a lively interest in matters educational. For five years he was a member of Active Hose Co. No. 1. Socially, he belongs to the Sherburne Lodge, No. 444, F. & A. M.

Mr. O'Brian is a genial gentleman, and an experienced paragrapher, which personal characteristics are the first essentials necessary in the make-up of a good editor. These qualities are manifested in the columns of THE SHERBURNE NEWS, for that paper shows clear thought, sound judgment, and an aptitude to grasp the subject in hand, that brings to it the hearty approval of its readers. Mr. O'Brian is ambitious, and has a desire to secure for his paper a front place among the journals of its class in the state, and there is scarcely a doubt but that he will most admirably succeed.

HIRAM H. TUCKER, one of the most prominent citizens of Sherburne village, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, has attained especial prominence in railroad circles through his

ability and competency as an agent. He was born January 25, 1854, in the town of Norwich, and is a son of Thomas and Nancy (Hunt) Tucker.

Hiram H. Tucker received his primary education in the public schools and then entered Norwich Academy, and later graduated from the Lowell Commercial Business College of Binghamton, N. Y. In 1877, he entered the office of the D., L. & W. R. R. at Hamilton, where he became day operator. He was then promoted to the position of station agent for the D., L. & W. R. R., at Brisben, N. Y., and thence to Richfield Junction, where he remained one year. Going to Utica, N. Y., he was there promoted to be assistant train dispatcher, and for the succeeding eight years he acted as chief dispatcher. In 1889, he came to Sherburne, where he still holds his position as depot agent. He is also agent for the United State Express, and represents several of the foreign steamship companies. Mr. Tucker is the only coal dealer in Sherburne, and is a heavy handler of this kind of fuel, dealing exclusively in Scranton coal. In 1893, the railroad built a new and handsome depot, which is surrounded by large flower gardens and a beautiful, well kept lawn. Mr. Tucker has a beautiful home at No. 17 Main Street, handsomely situated, with a large and commodious house, elegantly furnished, and surrounded by a beautiful lawn. He also owns a large tenement house, and is a stockholder in the Sherburne Opera House, and secretary of the same.

Mr. Tucker was joined in matrimony with Miss Jennie Crumb, daughter of Rowland B.

Crumb. One child, Alta, has blessed their home. Both he and his amiable and excellent wife are popular members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Tucker is a strong Prohibitionist, and heartily endorses the principles of that party. He is very popular with his fellow citizens; is a member of the school board; past master of the Masonic Lodge of Sherburne, and has been high priest of the Chapter. He has also held many minor offices in the Norwich Commandery, and is a member of the Mystic Shrine of Utica. He is a member of the Sherburne Band, and is an excellent musician. He is held in high esteem in his community, and is always among the foremost to endorse every good work and purpose tending to the advancement of his country and community, in elevating its social status, and improving its educational facilities. He is a liberal and cheerful giver to worthy objects, and is one of the foremost men of his community to encourage worthy enterprises. The reforms which have been brought about, both as regards human liberty and the use of intoxicating beverages, are due to just such men as Hiram H. Tucker.

ALONZO D. HARRINGTON. This prominent and well-to-do resident of Oxford village, who is most extensively engaged in dairy farming, has met with success in the many business ventures in which he has been interested during the past two score years. He has raised himself to his present position in the community by

hard work, and is now ready to enjoy the sunset of life, free from harassing cares and pinching economy. He has one of the largest and best appointed dairy farms in the county, and was the proprietor of Lyon Brook Dairy, which has its office for the retail sale of bottled milk at 1554 Broadway, borough of Brooklyn, New York City. Mr. Harrington was born in Plymouth, Chenango County, N. Y., March 5, 1834, and is a son of William A. and Jane M. (Weaver) Harrington, and grandson of William Harrington, who was born November 23, 1779, at Salem, Mass.

The grandfather of the subject of these lines came to Madison County, N. Y., and then to Chenango County in 1809, settling in the town of Plymouth. He was one of the pioneers of this section, a representative of those men whose names should not be forgotten, and to this end biographical history will perpetuate their memory, though granite monuments molder and crumble to dust. It is therefore with pleasure that we record the facts connected with the lives of the early settlers, in order that their descendants may know and keep ever before themselves and their children the work performed by the hardy frontiersmen in the early development of this country. Mr. Harrington was a large land owner, his property having been accumulated through his own honest toil and saving economy. In politics he was a strong Democrat, and took a lively interest in local affairs of a political nature. He married Betsey Hemenway, who was born January 9, 1785, at Salem, Mass., and they reared the following children, in order named as follows: Alphonzo, who died young; Laura married

Richard D. Taylor of Smyrna; Calista Almeda became the wife of Rev. D. Gardner; William Albert, the father of our subject; Julia Ann, the wife of William Sackett of Plymouth; Melzar W. married Lucy Worden of Smyrna; Janus H. espoused Miss Ramsdell of Plymouth; Marcius P. married Loise Murdock of Plymouth; Fordus married Abigail Chapman of Smyrna; Orson married Mary C. Wakely of Cincinnati; and Orlando, whose wife was Hannah Brown of Plymouth. William Harrington, father of the above-enumerated family, was a member of the Universalist Church.

William Albert Harrington, the father of our subject, was born in Salem, Massachusetts, May 20, 1805, and was a small lad when his parents transferred the family residence to this county. With an example of industry set him by his father, it is little wonder that the boy took upon himself the work and duties of a man at an extremely early age, and cheerfully shared the privations and hardships incident to that period in the new country. Of these struggles with nature, the present generation can form no adequate idea, and in no way can they realize to the full extent how much they are indebted for their present enjoyment of a high state of civilization to those who were the vanguard and forerunners. Through good, honest, hard work, and the close husbanding of his capital, he accumulated a large tract of land, and was accounted a very prosperous farmer of his section. He spent his last days in the village of Oxford, where our subject now resides. Politically, he was a stanch Democrat, and took an active interest in the ad-

vancement and success of the party until the War of the Rebellion. He was joined in wedlock with Jane Maria Weaver, daughter of Jonathan Weaver of Plymouth, February 7, 1832, and they reared five children, who were as follows: Alonzo De Calvas, the subject of this biography; Mary Jane, born May 13, 1836, married Sylvester W. Hunt of Plymouth, September 27, 1853; Anna Maria, born July 18, 1840, married George A. Shoals, M. D., of Plymouth, December 25, 1867; Helen Mar, born October 13, 1835, now deceased; and Albert Leroy, also deceased, whose birth occurred October 27, 1847. William A. Harrington was inclined to be liberal in his views on religion, while his wife was a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church. Our subject's father died June 18, 1880, being survived by his wife, who at length bade adieu to earth's scenes, and went to join those gone before, November 5, 1893.

Alonzo D. Harrington received his preliminary education in the common schools near home, and then took advanced work in Oxford Academy, from which he was absent for a time pursuing his studies in Norwich Academy, but finally returned to the Oxford institution. Upon leaving school he prosecuted the vocations of a teacher and a farmer, alternately, until several years after he had attained his majority. Then, in 1858, he embarked in mercantile pursuits in Pitcher, this county, and ran a store for six years, the firm being Taylors & Harrington, who conducted a very successful business, after which he went on the road as a traveling salesman for McCarthy & Sedgwick, afterwards McCarthy & Sons, of Syracuse, N. Y. After filling

out a period of eight years of satisfactory service for the above firm, he took up his residence in Oxford, in 1874. Afterwards he went into retail business with W. A. Carl in the Harrington Block. The firm, in 1884, became A. D. Harrington & Son, by J. W. Harrington's buying out Mr. Carl, and this arrangement continued until our subject retired after a few years, leaving his son to conduct the business, until he in turn sold out to the present firm of Carl & Cronks.

As has been noted before, our subject bought his dairy farm in Oxford in 1874. It consists of 170 acres of fertile land, embracing both rich, bottom lands, and rolling and slightly hilly pastures. The house, a three story building, with mansard roof, stands on a prominence, and from the front veranda may be seen a large portion of the village, and an extended view of the Chenango River, as it sweeps through the valley; the lawns slope, with several terraces, to the street. The rooms are finely furnished and decorated throughout, and water is supplied to the house through pipes that connect with large cold springs upon the farm. The barn is declared by those competent to know to be a model of completeness, capacity and convenience. It was built under Mr. Harrington's directions, and embodies many of his excellent ideas. It stands sixty-four feet square on the ground, and on the lower side is forty-eight feet high. As the barn stands on sloping ground, the main entrance is practically on a level with the street. The basement is ten feet high, and in it are kept the forty head of cows, that comprise the dairy, each cow being supplied with running

water, piped from the springs. Beneath the basement is a cellar, where the manure is thrown, to be removed, when occasion offers. Ventilators keep the air free from the objectionable odors so common to cow stables, while the temperature is so regulated that at all seasons of the year there is nothing but comfort. The fourth floor is reached by an easy incline, on which the hay and grain are taken into bays that have a total capacity for 137 tons. The silo connected with the barn holds 100 tons of ensilage, while the root cellar is frequently stored with 1000 bushels of mangels. Mr. Harrington holds the ideas of an enthusiast, regarding agriculture as a science capable of development to an almost unlimited extent, far beyond the drudgery of ordinary farm work. Soon after taking up dairy work in Oxford, Mr. Harrington came to the conclusion after a close study that there was good money to be made in supplying the residents of Brooklyn with pure milk, and, having had experience in business, he carefully made his plans and inaugurated the venture. The business office in the metropolis is under the immediate supervision of E. L. Haynes. The bottling of the milk is done at Haynes Station, a few miles north of Oxford, by J. W. Harrington, our subject's son, several men being employed. Mr. Harrington also deals in real estate, and at one time was a director in the National Bank of Oxford. For many years he was a director in the Highland Solar Salt Company of Syracuse.

On September 30, 1862, Mr. Harrington was united in marriage with Emma A. Waldron, daughter of M. N. Waldron of

South Otselic, N. Y., and they have one son, John Waldron, who married Gertrude Hopson of Norwich, and is the father of one child, Henry. Mr. Harrington is an avowed Republican, and supports the principles of his party with conscientious fervor. While a resident of Pitcher, he served as postmaster during Lincoln's first term, and has also been a supervisor of the town of Oxford. Both Mr. and Mrs. Harrington are supporters of the Congregational Church of Oxford. Our subject is a member of the Ayrshire Breeder's Association, and the New York State Agricultural Association. He is one of the oldest business men of Oxford, and is still one of the most active. His enterprise, which is displayed in all his business ventures, makes him a valued citizen. He is quiet and unobtrusive in his demeanor, honest and upright in his dealings, and most highly esteemed in the community.

COLONEL TYLER, a man of high standing in his community, and a veteran of the late Civil War, is now living in retirement in the village of Norwich, Chenango County, N. Y. He is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Purdey) Tyler, and was born January 21, 1834, at South New Berlin, Chenango County.

His grandfather, Isaac Tyler, was a native of Connecticut, who at an early day came to the State of New York, locating on the east branch of the Delaware River, in Delaware County. There he was one of the prominent men of his time, and a prosperous

lumberman. In politics, he was originally a Whig, and later a Republican. He was a true and consistent Christian gentleman, holding fellowship with the Baptist Church, and was respected and honored for his sterling worth. He was the father of two children, Samuel and Rachael, both now deceased.

Samuel Tyler was one of the prosperous and substantial farmers of Delaware County, and later of Otsego County. He was born on the homestead in Delaware County, and there was reared. He received as good an education as could be obtained in the common schools of his native town, and then followed agricultural pursuits as a means of support. After leaving his native county, he settled in Butternuts, Otsego County, where he passed the remainder of his days in the pursuits of his occupation.

His companion in life was Elizabeth Purdey, and they reared a family of fourteen children, thirteen of whom are now deceased; they were as follows: Lucinda; Morris; James; Rachel; Samuel; George; John; Orvill; Elmira; Alma; Allison; William; and Colonel, our subject, who is the only one now living. Samuel Tyler was a staunch supporter of the principles advocated by the Republican party. He was a faithful member of the Baptist Church.

Colonel Tyler was mentally equipped for the duties of life in the common schools. He followed the trade of a blacksmith for some time, but later learned the trade of a cooper. He became a skilled and rapid workman, and for the twenty-one years succeeding his mastering the trade he was actively engaged

in that occupation, in South Berlin and Norwich. In 1862, he enlisted in the 114th Reg., N. Y. Vol. Inf., and with the exception of a few months served throughout the remainder of the war. He was a brave and valiant soldier, and did much for the cause of his country. No service lives so long in the grateful memory of the people as that rendered by a brave soldier. Mr. Tyler may view with satisfaction his record as a patriot, and as an upright and worthy citizen.

In 1853, our subject was united in marriage with Miss Cordelia Davis, a daughter of Wilber Davis of Morris, Otsego County. Two children were born to make their home happy, namely: Wilber and Mary Eliza, both of whom are now deceased. In political belief, Mr. Tyler is a Republican, and takes an active interest in political affairs. Socially, he is a member of the E. B. Smith Post, G. A. R., No. 83. He is a well read man, and a pleasing conversationalist. His many friends delight in hearing him relate reminiscences of the war.

PROF. CHARLES R. LOOMIS, the efficient principal of the Sherburne High School, and a highly respected citizen of that village, was born May 2, 1863, at East Pembroke, Genesee County, N. Y. He is a son of Samuel and Amanda M. (Babcock) Loomis.

Samuel Loomis was a native of Cicero, near Syracuse, N. Y. In early life he removed to East Pembroke, where he became engaged in the manufacture of flour barrels

for the mills of that section. The later years of his life have been devoted to agricultural pursuits, and he is one of the good substantial farmers of his community. He was joined in the holy bonds of matrimony with Miss Amanda M. Babcock. They became the parents of four sons and one daughter.

Prof. Charles R. Loomis was the youngest of the four sons born to his parents, and was reared on his father's farm. He was educated in the district school and the academy of his neighborhood, and took the classical course in the Geneseo Normal School. In 1889, on examination, he received a State Certificate from A. S. Draper, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Immediately thereafter, he accepted a position as teacher, and taught at Smithville, and later at Elba, Genesee County. In 1892 he went to South New Berlin, where he taught in the union school of that place for two years, and demonstrated his ability as a man qualified in every respect to assume the greater duties of his next position, that of principal of the Sherburne High School. He succeeded Prof. A. C. Nute. This school was founded in 1839, and was known as Sherburne Academy. It continued under that name until 1847, when it became the Sherburne Union School and Academy, with Miss Catherine Little as principal. In 1866 it was organized under the statutes as a Union Free School. In 1870 it was decided to erect a new school building at a cost of \$9,500. A substantial two story brick structure was put up on the lot owned by Dr. White of Sherburne. In 1895 the name of the school was changed by the Regents of the Univer-

sity from Academy to High School. The school is now well equipped with library, physical and chemical and other apparatus. In 1895 an additional teacher was secured, making the present number on the faculty seven. As a principal Prof. Loomis has been popular and has gained the active support of the citizens and the school board. He has filled his position intelligently and to the great good of the educational interests of the village.

He was united in marriage with Miss Katie M. Shotwell, in July, 1892. They are the parents of one son, Glenn S., who was born February 10, 1895. In politics, Prof. Loomis is a Republican.

EDSON L. WHITNEY, one of the enterprising and leading business men of the village of Sherburne, this county, engaged in carrying on a very flourishing business in dry goods and groceries, was born in Sherburne, September 18, 1860. He is a son of Edson G. and Experience (Loomis) Whitney, grandson of Ephraim and Thurzie (Benedict) Whitney, and great-grandson of Ephraim Whitney. Ephraim Whitney, who was one of Vermont's pioneer residents, came to Central New York in middle life, and located in the village of Sherburne, Chenango County, where his vocation was that of tilling the soil. Later he moved to Hop Bottom, Pa., and it was there that he died at the age of eighty years. Mrs. Whitney departed this life and entered into her reward at the age of seventy-five years. To them

were born six children, namely: Nathaniel; Ebenezer; Ephraim, Jr.; Ruth; Annie; and Thurzie.

Ephraim Whitney, Jr., was born in Bennington, Vt., and while still a young man he left his father's house to seek a new home in Sherburne. After living there a short time he was joined by his father with the rest of the family. He bought the farm commonly known as the Dows farm, and followed the occupation of an agriculturist for some years. After clearing the ground, building a house, and making other substantial improvements, he sold the estate, and moved to the village of Sherburne, where he bought the house now standing on the corner of Union and State Streets, which he later sold, and then purchased the house where Mrs. Cushman lives. In this latter house he opened and ran a general store, at the same time renting a farm, which was operated by his sons. Later he ran an ashery, and then retired to private life. He married Miss Thurzie Benedict, a daughter of Jared Benedict. As a result of this happy union nine children were born: Edson G.; Charles; Sarah; Almira; Albert; Mary; Porter; Catherine; and Caroline. In 1859, Mr. Whitney passed from this life, aged eighty-one years. Mrs. Whitney lived to the age of ninety-one years. Politically, Mr. Whitney was an old time Whig, and at the time of his death was an Abolitionist. The Congregational Church included him among its members.

Edson G. Whitney, father of our subject, was born in Sherburne, this county, and when a small boy clerked in the store of

Holmes & Fargo, after which he was with Holmes & Cook; later he went into business on his own account with Frederick Coats as a partner, the business being conducted under the firm name of Coats & Whitney. They carried on a general store in the old Opera House building; later, when Mr. Whitney was alone in business, his store had the same location. In 1882, he retired and led a private life, being succeeded by Whitney, Kutschbach & Bullis. Mr. Whitney purchased Dr. Devillo White's residence on North Main Street, and after instituting and carrying to completion a number of improvements, he had a comfortable home, suited in every way to his desires. He married Experience Loomis, and to them were given two children, namely: Mary E., deceased; and Edson L., our subject. Mr. Whitney was a stanch Democrat until Horace Greeley's time, and since then he was an unswerving Republican. He served as president of the village of Sherburne, and held several minor offices. In religious views, he was a member of the Congregational Church. In 1885, he died, leaving behind his wife, one son, and a large circle of friends to mourn his death.

Our subject received his education in the Sherburne Union School. In 1882, he became a member of the firm of Whitney, Kutschbach & Bullis, who were the largest merchants of the village of Sherburne. In February, 1896, our subject disposed of his interests, and went to the town of Smyrna, where he bought out the old established house of Dixon Bros., and identified himself with the leading commercial enterprises of

the village, keeping a very large and select line of dry goods, groceries, and all the articles, except boots and shoes, that are generally to be found in a general mercantile store. In January, 1898, occurred another change in his affairs, when he purchased the stock and store of Walker Bros. of Sherburne; he now does a large and flourishing business. Mr. Whitney is one of a company of six, who rebuilt the Opera House Block, and is treasurer of the company. His family all along has continued to live in Sherburne, and there he intends to make his home; however, he still retains a one-third interest in the store at Smyrna.

Mrs. Whitney's maiden name was Clara E. Foote. She is a daughter of Samuel M. and Sarah (Hartwell) Foote. Samuel M. Foote was born in Colchester, Conn., and was a son of Israel and Lucy (Brainard) Foote, and grandson of Nathaniel and Abigail (Foote) Foote. Israel Foote came to the town of Sherburne in 1824. He was a school teacher and a mechanic. He bought the property known as the Purdy farm, and followed the occupation of an agriculturist. He married Lucy Brainard, and the fruits of this union were seven children, namely: Samuel M.; Sarah T.; Caroline E.; Lucy; Ellen; Israel O.; and Milton L. Mr. Foote was called to his well-earned rest at the age of ninety years. His wife died, aged sixty-six years. Samuel M. Foote received a liberal education, and then taught school for several terms. He finally settled on the homestead. When still a young man he was considered one of the most wide-awake, energetic, and successful farmers in the com-



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MRS. PHEBE MARYETTE TUTTLE.

munity. He married Sarah Hartwell, and five children blessed their nuptials, as follows: Fanny, deceased; Annie J.; Minerva C.; Edward O.; and Clara E., the wife of our subject.

To our subject and wife two children have been given: Helen E., born December 9, 1893; and Edward F., born December 4, 1895. Mr. Whitney's political views coincide with those of the Republican party. He has been a member of the board of trustees of Sherburne village for two years. His religious connections are with the Congregational Church of Sherburne, of which he is a valued member. He is a member of the Smyrna Lodge, I. O. O. F. Mr. Whitney is a man of pleasing address; social and hospitable; generous and liberal in his sentiments; retaining the activity, vivacity and cheerfulness of youth, his life reveals the success that may be attained by self-reliance, integrity, and persevering industry.

ALMON LEE TUTTLE. The name of this honored old citizen of the Empire State is a familiar one throughout Chenango County. He is among the respected citizens, who in the sunset of life are enabled to retire upon a sufficient competency from active labor, and is now residing in the town of Columbus. He was born in the above town, November 22, 1826, and is a son of Amos Bishop and Patty (Spaulding) Tuttle, and grandson of Melicu Tuttle.

Melicu Tuttle was born in New Haven, Conn., June 18, 1775; his father dying when

Melicu was about nine years of age, leaving the family in destitute circumstances, he at once manfully confronted the difficulties of the situation, and succeeded in overcoming them. Subsequently, he went west into the wilds of Central New York, and for a while worked for a brother-in-law, John Tallett, who had been one of England's "Hessian hirelings" in the War of the Revolution, but who, after being captured with Burgoyne's army, came to know and love the American people, whom, he said, he had been taught to believe were all savages. Later, about 1794, Mr. Tuttle, being well pleased with the country, his judgment telling him that here were future possibilities not to be despised, accordingly located a claim in the northern part of what is now the town of Columbus, Chenango County, on Lot 57. He cleared a patch, built a log cabin, then returned to Massachusetts, and married, in 1795, Lovisa Bishop. They at once started out to make their new home among the Indians and wild beasts of the wilderness. They walked all the way, and drove a cow, that had been given them by Mrs. Tuttle's father. The remainder of the bride's outfit was all tied in a *red bandana handkerchief*. In their new home husband and wife lived and labored, the former for over seventy years and the latter for over fifty years. They brought up a family of six children, whose names were: James; Phebe; Julia; Amos Bishop; Diantha; and Emeline.

Being very ingenious in mechanical contrivances, Melicu Tuttle became indispensable to other new settlers, who afterwards came into the district. He could build a log

cabin, and make any farming implement, such as ox sleds or carts, bull plows, meat casks, sap pails, etc. His powers of physical labor and endurance were remarkable. He would go two miles to the farm of his brother-in-law do a large day's work, chopping and logging, then back a bushel of grain to the mill a mile away, have it ground, and then back it home three miles, in the dark, through woods and along a dim path, marked only by "blazed" trees. Once it was necessary to go sixteen miles to the mill at Burlington Flats with grain; having no vehicle, he hung a bag with two bushels of corn on the yoke between two oxen and started. Three miles short of the mill, the oxen became exhausted and could bear the load no farther, so Mr. Tuttle took it on his own back, and when he arrived at the mill found it "closed for repairs," leaving him no alternative but to return home without his grist. Subsequently he improvised a cart without wheels, the contrivance being a crotched sappling, notched to the ring of the yoke, with pins in the prongs to hold the bag. He once walked the entire distance to New York City, 250 miles, to make a payment on his land, crossing the Hudson River by swimming, with his clothes bundled and strapped to his back. The memory of no man, who labored and sacrificed during the early settlement of the state, is more worthy of perpetuation than that of Melicu Tuttle.

The sons and daughters of the later generations, who are permitted to reap and enjoy so much where the fathers and mothers fought the obstinacies of the primeval wilderness and in toil and privation sowed the seed that has yielded many a hundred fold of

wealth and even luxury, though they can realize but little of the hardships and privations of that early struggle, should turn in gratitude and thankfulness to the memory of those most worthy forebears.

Melicu Tuttle was kind, honest and faithful, and long lived to enjoy the fruits of his labors and the esteem of his fellow citizens. He spent his last days with his son, Amos Bishop Tuttle, and passed from the world in the ninety-eighth year of his life, July 31, 1872. His wife, born June 9, 1778, died February 16, 1849.

Amos Bishop Tuttle, father of our subject, in 1825, purchased a tract of land, now owned and occupied by our subject, and built thereon a log house amidst the forest in which he lived until 1839, when he built a frame house three rods north-east of the old log structure. Mr. Tuttle was among the substantial men of Chenango County, a gentleman respected for his sterling worth and integrity. At his death, which occurred in 1890, at the age of eighty-seven, he possessed 75 acres of the best improved land in his section of the county. Mrs. Tuttle died at the age of fifty-four. To Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle were born seven children, who were as follows: Almon Lee; Harvey; Lucretia; Delia and Celia, twins; Sarah L.; and Julia, who died aged nine years. Harvey, Lucretia and Celia died in childhood. Sarah L. married Reuben L. Lamb, and died at the age of twenty-seven years. Delia (Mrs. William B. Olney) survives at this writing (1898.) Mr. Tuttle was originally an old line Whig, but for many years he was an out-spoken Abolitionist, when such as he were taunted as be-

ing "nigger worshippers;" but later, at the organization of the Republican party, he joined its ranks and remained identified with the new power in the political world until his death.

Almon Lee Tuttle, subject of this personal history, received his education in the district schools and at Whitestown Seminary. During his early manhood he taught school and was superintendent of the schools of Columbus. For several years working his father's farms, he also purchased and operated the adjoining farm, commonly known as the Hickock property, where A. M. Lamb now resides; he also bought the old Gates farm, where he now lives. He built all the buildings on the latter farm, including a cheese factory, that he operated for thirty-three years. He has a reputation for the manufacture of cheese that stands second to none in the Empire State, and he was awarded a medal and chart for his exhibit at the World's Fair at Chicago. He also purchased the J. Finch farm, the Abels farm, and his father's farm—425 acres in all. His farm being especially adapted to grazing, Mr. Tuttle makes the production of milk his chief work; the milk at this writing (May, 1898) is bought by Borden's (N. Y.) Condensed Milk Co. Mr. Tuttle is a successful apiarian, and now has fifty colonies of bees, although he has had as high as one hundred colonies.

Mr. Tuttle sought and obtained in marriage the hand of Phebe Maryette Francis, daughter of Levi Francis of Sherburne, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle were given one child, Emma Adelia, who was removed from them at the age of eight years. Our

subject was an Abolitionist with his father, but helped in the formation of the Republican party, and still later joined the ranks of the Prohibition party. He is tolerant of the opinions of others, but his views are decided, and expressed with the fearlessness of a man who feels that he is right and is not afraid to take a decided stand to maintain his opinions and principles. He served as justice of the peace for twenty years and as supervisor three terms. Mr. Tuttle is an excellent citizen, and has now abandoned the more active duties and labors of life, and is enjoying the rewards of his early toil. His mind, however, always active and industrious, retains a general oversight of his business affairs, which he has always conducted with great wisdom and skill. The Tuttle family is well known and highly respected throughout the county, and has contributed its full quota toward the building up of the section of which they may be classed as early pioneers.

It is with feelings of pleasure, which we are sure are shared by all the readers of this volume, that we present on preceding pages portraits of both Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle, who merit this distinction because of the leading part they have taken in the agricultural and social work of Chenango County.

EDMUND J. STACK, the well known proprietor of the Gothic House, the leading hotel of South Otselic, was born in the town of Sherburne, Chenango County, May 1, 1856. He is a son of Michael and Mary (White) Stack.

Michael Stack was born in the town of Ennis, County Clare, Ireland, in 1817, and came to America about 1853. His permanent location in this country was in the town of Smyrna, Chenango County, where he settled down on a farm. He was engaged in farming all his life, and was one of the good substantial farmers of the community in which he lived. Religiously, he was a Catholic and was educated for the priesthood, but never took orders. He was united in marriage with Mary White, who is also a native of County Clare, Ireland, coming to this country in 1853. She still survives her husband, and is living on the old homestead with her daughter, Mrs. T. J. Sullivan. Mr. and Mrs. Stack were the parents of five children, four of whom grew to maturity, namely: Ella, who married T. J. Sullivan, a farmer living on the old homestead in Smyrna township; Edmund J., who is the subject of this biography; John B., a special pension examiner of Washington, D. C.; and Margaret A., a resident of South Otselic.

Edmund J. Stack was reared on the farm and received his mental training in the Smyrna Union School. Leaving school at the age of seventeen, he began teaching school, and taught for about ten terms. In 1887, he moved to Palmyra, Wisconsin, where he engaged in business for one year, and then returned to his home in Smyrna. He bought a farm adjoining his father's estate in the town of Smyrna, and engaged in agricultural pursuits for about two years. In 1883, he purchased his present hotel business in South Otselic. He made many improvements, fitted the hotel with modern conveni-

ences, and made it a very desirable stopping place. It has nice, large and comfortable rooms, newly furnished, lighted with gas and heated by hot air. The meals served by this establishment also add greatly to its popularity with the traveling public. In connection with the hotel, Mr. Stack conducts a livery barn, and is a dealer in carriages, cutters, sleighs, etc. In 1893, he opened a carriage repository, which is also very well patronized. He owns the valuable two story building in which M. D. Greenleaf conducts a harness business. Mr. Stack is an enterprising and public-spirited citizen, and actively supports all new enterprises conducive to the welfare of the village. He was the principal organizer of the Merchants Gas Co. of South Otselic, and is a stockholder and president of the organization. In religious belief, he is a faithful member of the Catholic Church. Socially, he belongs to Cascadilla Lodge, No. 478, I. O. O. F., of South Otselic; Chenango Encampment, No. 51, I. O. O. F., of Norwich, N. Y.; and is past captain of Canton Lodge, No. 40, I. O. O. F., of Norwich. In political belief, he adheres to the principles advocated by the Democratic party.

February 28, 1881, our subject was united in marriage with Ella Noonan at the home of her mother at Schenevus, N. Y. After eight years of happiness, Mr. Stack was bereaved of his wife's companionship by death, April 15, 1889. She was aged twenty-eight years, eleven months and twenty-one days when the summons came, and was just beginning to enter the prime of life. She left one child, a bright boy of four years, M. Leo. The loss of his beautiful young wife was a

sad blow to our subject. She was dearly loved by all, as is shown by the following lines, which were written by a friend: "Tenderly we would gather the sweet memories of her former life, and count ourselves rich in the legacy of her modest example. A warm heart never beat more kindly, neither found more joyous, generous doings, yet with a humble disposition that recognized no sacrifice and made unselfishness the keynote of her daily duty. Wife, mother, and friend, the joy of our life must be less without thee, but we would not hold back from the raptures of Heaven."

December 15, 1896, Mr. Stack formed a second union with Marcia Lamb, an adopted daughter of D. B. Parce of South Otselic. She is a woman of many virtues, is a kind and loving wife and has many friends. Our subject has a large number of friends in the community, who respect and esteem him as a man of great worth and influence.

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DANIEL CONROY, the well known superintendent of the F. G. Clarke blue stone quarries of South Oxford, commands the respect of a large force of men under his charge, and conducts his business affairs in such a manner as to retain the confidence and approval of his employer. He is a native of Ireland, and was born in Queens County, May 1, 1845. He is a son of Daniel and Margaret (Dunn) Conroy.

Daniel Conroy, the father of our subject, was born and reared in Ireland, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He

was united in marriage with Margaret Dunn, and a few years later, seeing the superior advantages offered to farmers on the fertile valleys and plains of America, he came to the United States, and located in Ulster County, N. Y. He settled in the town of Hurley, and became quite successful as a farmer. He was the progenitor of four children, all of whom died in their infancy but Daniel, our subject. Mr. Conroy died soon after coming to this country, but his wife survived him many years, dying in 1887 at the advanced age of seventy-two years.

Daniel Conroy obtained his education in the common schools of Hurley, attending until he was fourteen years of age. He then operated a small quarry for a time, and later decided to try farming. He went to work upon a farm, but found he was not suited for such work. He again turned to his occupation of stone cutter, and for five years he worked faithfully, and soon acquired great skill. He gained largely in experience, and at the end of the five years he was qualified to go into business on his own account. Being a man of good habits he used his money sparingly, and was enabled to purchase a stone quarry. He operated it for about two years and was very successful, but thinking the grocery business more profitable, he engaged in that line of business for the next year. It was a good paying venture, but unsuited to a man of his tastes. He was next made superintendent of a quarry at Smithville, and acted in that capacity for the following five years. He then went to Hastings on the Hudson River, in the employ of the same company. Later he moved to

Rockland, Sullivan County, where he opened a new quarry, which he operated until 1889. By this time Mr. Conroy had made a reputation for himself, and he was known far and wide; his services were in great demand. He was called to South Oxford to act as superintendent of the F. G. Clarke blue stone quarries, and is now serving in that capacity. He has charge of about sixty men, and gets the best possible results from them by his just treatment and strict attention to business.

August 24, 1873, Mr. Conroy married Kate A. Cahill of Kingston, and they became the parents of thirteen children, seven of whom are now living, whose records are as follows: Daniel F., who is assistant superintendent in the quarry at South Oxford; Patrick J., a medical student of Buffalo, N. Y.; Joseph J., a stone cutter; Margaret; Catherine; Agnes; and Francis. In religious belief the family are Catholics. Mr. Conroy is a firm supporter of the Democratic party.

F B. FRANKLIN is one of the best known, and most influential citizens of Preston township, occupying as he does a place of prominence in the village as the leading grocer. He is a son of Stephan and Betsey (Ashcraft) Franklin, and was born March 25, 1835, at Pharsalia, this county, where he resided for almost half a century.

His paternal grandfather, Benjamin Franklin, was a native of Windham, Vermont, but moved to Chenango County, New York,

where he bought a farm in the town of Preston, and spent the remainder of his life. In early life he was a Democrat, but he was ever a man who had the courage of his convictions, and when the principles of that party failed to coincide with his ideas of right, he became identified with the Whigs, and later with the Republican party. He was a member of the Baptist Church, of which he was for many years a deacon. He was the father of eight children: Clarissa Bicking; Sallie Champlain; Roby Coy; Mrs. Carter; Benjamin; William; Moses; Aaron and Stephan.

Stephan Franklin, the father of our subject, was twenty years of age when he came with his father from Vermont to the town of Preston. He bought a farm of 150 acres in the town of Pharsalia, and became one of its prominent and substantial farmers, remaining there the rest of his life. He was married to Betsey Ashcraft, and raised a family of nine children, whose names are as follows: Olive; James; Anna; Leonard; Stephen; Elizabeth; Ira; H. B.; and Diana. He was first a Democrat and afterwards a Republican. He was a Baptist in religion. James Ashcraft, the maternal grandfather of our subject, took an active part in the War of the Revolution, serving as captain of a vessel.

H. B. Franklin, our subject, was educated in the common and select schools in East Pharsalia. After leaving school he worked at farming in the town of Pharsalia for fifteen years, at the end of which time, in 1884, he came to Preston village and opened a grocery store, a business which he has since continued with good financial results, win-

ning for himself hosts of friends by his straightforward manner of dealing, and the kindly attention accorded all who enter his place of business. His popularity is attested to by the fact that he has served as deputy postmaster at Preston for the past thirteen years. He is a stanch Republican, and has been retained in office as justice of the peace of the town of Preston for the past twelve years, giving entire satisfaction in the manner in which he discharges the duties of his office.

October 4, 1857, he was wedded to Mary Park, a daughter of Lorenzo Park, a resident of the town of Preston, this county, and this union has resulted in the birth of four children: Eva G., the wife of Carlos Crandall, a mason, residing at Norwich; Horace D., a farmer; May, the wife of Burton E. Slater, who resides with his father, a farmer of Preston township; and Jennie B., who lives with her parents. Mr. Franklin has been quite successful in his business ventures, and owns, in the town of Preston besides the store, a farm which he leases.

EDWARD JULIAN ELLIOTT. A striking example of what may be accomplished, by an individual possessing energy and perseverance, is to be found in the career of the subject of this biographical notice. He began life on his own account as a common carpenter, working by the day, and has gradually worked his way up to his present position, that of leading contractor and builder of the village of Norwich. He

was born April 20, 1865, in Plymouth, Chenango County, and is a son of Cyrus and Annis (Balden) Elliott.

He is of Scotch ancestry. His grandfather, Jacob Elliott, was a native of Rhode Island, and came to Chenango County about ninety-eight years ago, locating in the town of Greene. He made farming his life occupation and was very successful. In political views he was a Democrat. He was a member of the old state militia. He reared a family of nine children, eight sons and one daughter.

Cyrus Elliott is among the sturdy tillers of the soil in this county who have been successful in life, and who are enabled to enjoy the fruits of a laborious past. He is a native of Chenango County, and received his education in the common schools of his native town. He was reared a farmer's boy and assisted in the labors on his father's farm. It was but natural that when he left the parental roof he should take up farming as an occupation. He first farmed in the town of Greene, but later moved to Plymouth, and after remaining there some years came to Norwich. After farming here for a few years, he retired from active life, and is now living a life of ease at the home of his son, Edward Julian, in Norwich. The results of his union with Annis Balden were four children, whose names are as follows; Orin; Porter; Ella, who is the relict of Lemont Snow; and Edward Julian, the subject of this personal sketch. Cyrus Elliott takes an active interest in political affairs, and is a member of the Democratic party.

Edward Julian Elliott was mentally equip-

ped for life's battles in the public schools of Plymouth. Upon leaving school he became apprenticed to the carpenter's trade, working under S. H. Hall of Norwich for four years. By strict application to his work, he became a skilled workman, and well qualified for his next step in life. It was in 1885 that he became a contractor and builder, and he has continued in that line of operation to the present time. He receives most of the large contracts in Norwich, and many others throughout the county. That Mr. Elliott has been so successful in life is due to his own unaided efforts and industry. He is yet a young man, but the people, recognizing his ability, feel that their confidence in him is not misplaced.

Mr. Elliott was united in marriage with Ella Curnalia, a daughter of William Curnalia of Norwich, and they are the parents of two sons: Ary, and Earl. Mrs. Elliott is a kind, loving wife and mother. Our subject is a prominent Mason, and takes an active interest in the workings of Norwich Lodge, No. 302, F. & A. M. In politics, he is a firm supporter of the Democratic party, and is town committeeman.

FERMAN S. SALEY. One of Sherburne's most energetic and prosperous business men is the gentleman named above, who is an undertaker and dealer in furniture. He is a native of Sherburne, his birth occurring there, October 18, 1862. He is a son of Marcus S. and Cornelia S. (Tuttle) Saley, grandson of Nathan

E. and Marinda (Frances) Saley, and great-grandson of James and Emily (Mainard) Saley of the State of Connecticut.

Nathan E. Saley was born in Connecticut, and at the age of five years came west with a family that was moving in this direction, and settled in Sherburne, N. Y. He was the means of getting his father, James Saley, to remove to Sherburne, where both settled on the farm, where Stephen Coons now resides. James Saley was a stone mason by trade. Not many years after their removal to Sherburne, Mr. and Mrs. James Saley died, leaving a large family of children, namely: Elias; Silas; Nathan E.; Orrin; Marcus; Sally; Betsey; James; and Lydia. Nathan E. Saley had always followed the occupation of a farmer, and as his first purchase, he bought a farm in the north-east corner of the town. On it he made many improvements, building a house and barn, and otherwise fitting the place up for a suitable home; when he sold it to his son, Marcus S., he bought the farm adjoining. He died in 1886, at the age of eighty-one years. His wife passed from this life in 1884. To them were born two children, of whom Marcus S. is the only one now living. Emma J., the only daughter, died in infancy.

Marcus S. Saley assisted his father in running the farm, and later learned the trade of a shoemaker, which trade he followed five years, besides managing his father's farm in the mean time. Later he disposed of his shoemaking business and bought a threshing machine, and for nine years operated it, traveling around over the country in the summer. He built a shop and cider mill, and put



WILLIAM B. STEWART.

in an iron lathe and shingle machine. In 1884 he sold his establishment, and bought the Barber farm, which he operated for a short time, then sold the property and bought a lot in Sherburne village, which formerly belonged to the Whitford estate. There, under the firm name of Saley & Co., his son being the other member of the firm, he was engaged in pressing hay, and shipping it to various places. Since January 1, 1887, he has been assisting his son in the business. He was joined in marriage with Cornelia S. Tuttle, daughter of James Tuttle, and their only child is Herman S., our subject. Politically, Marcus S. Saley is an unswerving Democrat. In his religious views he is a member of the Free Will Baptist Church.

Being the only son and child, our subject, Herman S. Saley, remained with his parents until he attained his majority, when he engaged in the furniture and undertaking business. He went to New York City and completed a course in Prof. F. A. Sullivan's Oriental School of Embalming. Returning to his native town, he opened up business as a mortician. He has one of the best hearses and a very fine team. Being a man of great ability, he rose rapidly in his chosen vocation, and gained the patronage of the village and the surrounding country. Our subject has a very fine line of house furniture in his store, and everything needed in an undertaker's establishment. Mr. Saley is never idle; his chief aim is to help build up his native town, Sherburne. He takes great interest in all the enterprises which are for the benefit of his townspeople. He has dealt quite extensively

in horses, and conducts a blacksmith and wagon shop, where he gives employment to several men.

Mr. Saley was united in matrimonial bonds with Jennie Phelps, daughter of Charles Phelps of South Edmeston. Religiously, our subject is a Free Will Baptist. In politics he has always been an untiring and consistent Republican. He is a man who is well adapted for public service, and the people appreciate that fact by electing him to office. Socially, Mr. Saley is a public-spirited man, and always lends his aid and influence in the advancement of measures which he believes would be conducive to the public welfare.

WILLIAM B. STEWART. Probably no man is more widely known throughout the town of Plymouth than the gentleman, whose name heads this sketch, and whose portrait is shown on the opposite page. His varied business interests along milling and mercantile lines has been such as to extend his acquaintance through the entire county, while his personality has made itself felt in the community where he now resides. Mr. Stewart was ushered into this world at Kirk, Plymouth township, Chenango County, January 16, 1857, his parents being George W. and Charlotte (Chase) Stewart.

His paternal great-grandfather was born in New London, Conn., of Scotch ancestry; he came with his family to New York, settling in the village of Kirk. He owned a farm of 140 acres which he cultivated. He

was a Whig and took part in the War of the Revolution.

Asahel Stewart, the grandfather, was one of nine children. He was born and grew to manhood in the State of Connecticut. His vocation was that most useful one of agriculture, without which all our mills would be useless, our factories would close, and our people die of starvation. He had charge of his father's farm at Kirk, and also bought and sold general farm produce. He was a Whig, and when that party gave place to the Republican organization he joined its ranks. His entire life from early manhood was spent in Plymouth township. He became impressed with religious convictions and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, where his knowledge of the Bible and his ready manner of expressing his thoughts, gave him much prominence in religious circles. He was a frequent exhorter and a familiar figure in the pulpit, where he preached some very able sermons. The maiden name of the lady whom he married was Lucretia Fulk, and their children were: Alanson; Charles; George W.; Giles; Chester; and Lucretia Frink. Asahel Stewart died at the age of ninety, and his wife at the age of eighty-seven years, each in the ripeness of age, and with the consciousness of a life well spent.

George W. Stewart was born in the village of Kirk, and attended the district schools, after which he engaged in farming and lumbering. He was a very successful farmer, owning 145 acres of good land. He was a Republican, and accepted such local offices as highway commissioner, etc. He was

married to Charlotte Chase, and three children were born to them: William B., our subject; Montezuma C.; and George L., now deceased. Mrs. Stewart is still living. Mr. Stewart's death was the result of a most unfortunate accident; while engaged in cutting down some trees on his farm, in 1889, in some way he was caught by one of the falling trees and crushed to the ground, receiving injuries from which death shortly relieved him.

William B. Stewart was educated in the public schools and then attended Norwich Academy, where he was a diligent pupil and soon acquired a good practical education. He taught for one term in the town of Plymouth, but felt that he was not suited for the life of a pedagogue, and, preferring to engage in outdoor pursuits, accordingly turned his attention to the occupation of his fathers, farming, and gave to agricultural pursuits ten years of his best efforts. He worked at lumbering for two years, and then moved to South Plymouth in 1892 and embarked in the milling business. This mill has a fifty-four horse power wheel, and a capacity of two tons per hour; it is fitted up with the most improved modern machinery, and turns out the best class of goods. He does both merchant and custom grinding, and has a business of from \$22,000.00 to \$25,000.00 annually. In 1894 he was appointed postmaster of South Plymouth, and opened a general store, which nets him a neat income. He owns an interest in the 145 acres left by his father.

Mr. Stewart contracted marriage February 23, 1878, with a most estimable lady,

Flora Tower, whose father, Almon Tower, was a farmer of the town of Plymouth. Mrs. Stewart was a pupil in Oxford Academy, a graduate of the State Normal School at Brockport, N. Y., and is a lady of refinement and intelligence. She is also a musician of no mean ability, as she always places herself in touch with her audience by her sympathetic rendering of a selection. She received musical instruction from Prof. Lynn Babcock of Norwich, and proved a most apt scholar. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, viz: Leon T.; Lottie L.; John H.; Amasa E.; Florence D.; and Olive M. Mr. Stewart is an active politician, and was elected by the Republican party to the position of highway commissioner of the town of Plymouth, in which capacity he served for several years, and was elected supervisor in 1898. He is a member of Lodge No. 302 of Norwich. Mr. Stewart commands the entire respect, confidence and esteem of the people, and has a most kindly nature, being ever ready to do a generous act.

HENRY W. SAGE, deceased. The honored name of the subject of this history will be remembered long after those who were personally acquainted with him have passed away. He was one of the early residents of Chenango County, a man of great energy and force of character, and left his decided impress upon the community in which he lived and upon all with whom he came in contact. He was a son of

Jewett and Susan (Jaycox) Sage, and was born in the town of New Berlin, July 13, 1833.

The Sage family traces its descent from Scandinavian stock far back in the Dark Ages; the name was spelled "Saga," but when the Norsemen conquered Normandy, and over-ran France, the final "a" was changed to "e," thus making the present name—Sage. The name as it appears first in English history is found upon Battle Abbey Roll, year 1066, A. D., the roll made by William the Conqueror after the battle of Hastings, when he divided the English lands among his followers—the spelling there being "Sageville." As a mark of distinguished favor, a coat of arms was granted by the King. The coat of arms is surmounted by grain, fruit and flowers, indicating that the Sage family was then, as it is now, an agricultural people. The motto is "Non Sibli," "Not for ourselves."

The founder of the American branch of the now numerous family of Sages was David Sage, a native of Wales, born in 1639. He was reared, as many another Welsh farmer lad, on a small tract of land, the agriculturists of that country possessing only a limited idea of farming, as it is carried on in the New World. He read the glowing accounts of what might be accomplished by men of energy in the American colonies, and he resolved to come hither with the hopes of bettering his financial condition. He located in Middletown, Conn., where he spent the rest of his life, dying in 1703. His descendant, Daniel Sage, the grandfather of our subject, was born in the State of Connecticut

in 1756, and in 1803 moved to New Berlin, N. Y., where he took up a tract of 200 acres, as one of the first settlers in that locality. He lived there with his family, the only company being some roving Indian, of whom he was seldom afraid. He passed away in 1852. He served in the War of the Revolution, and three of his sons fought for the rights of Americans against British oppression in the War of 1812. His wife, Sybil Jewett of Rensselaer County, bore him the following children: Sylvia, born 1779; Erastus, 1784; Faith, 1786; Betsey, 1788; Simeon, 1789; Abigail, 1791; Jewett, the father of our subject; Daniel, 1795; and Nathan, 1800.

Jewett Sage, father of Henry W. Sage, subject of this biography, was born in Rensselaer County, N. Y., in 1793, and at the age of six years came to New Berlin township, where he engaged in the pursuits of an agriculturist until the time of his death, which occurred in 1821. He was one of the wealthiest farmers in Chenango County, owning at the time of his death 1,500 acres. He kept a herd of 90 well bred cattle, and was engaged extensively in dairying. He chose for his companion Susan Jaycox, and they reared five sons and three daughters.

Henry W. Sage received his intellectual training in the public schools and Norwich Academy, and at the age of twenty years he engaged in teaching, which calling he followed five years. He then devoted his attention toward agriculture. He purchased a farm four miles north-west of South New Berlin, where he carried on farming in a successful manner for two years, and then bought a farm of 240 acres on Great Brook

in New Berlin township. It is one of the best farms in Chenango County; the soil is rich and productive; and the improvements are of the best. Mr. Sage was interested in the manufacture of cheese and dairying, and had his farm stocked with some 40 head of milch cows. He was active in politics, upheld Democratic principles earnestly and conscientiously, and voted for all measures calculated to advance the public good. He served as supervisor three terms in the town of New Berlin, and was instrumental in the securing of the Union School.

His first marriage was with Miss Frances A. Osgood, who was born June 28, 1835, and they reared one child, Ida M., who died April 21, 1869, aged twelve years. Mrs. Sage died May 21, 1866, and on December 22, 1868, Mr. Sage was united in marriage with Orril O. Osgood. Mrs. Sage was born May 12, 1841, and is a daughter of Luther and Mary E. (Berry) Osgood, both natives of the town of Preston, this county. In social circles Mr. Sage was a member of the Masonic Lodge of New Berlin. Mr. Sage was worthy to receive the title of an honest man and a good citizen. From his early youth he was imbued with high moral principles. He will long be remembered in his township as one whose place it will be difficult to fill.

GEORGE IRVING SKINNER, ESQ. The subject of this sketch is a leading lawyer of Chenango County, residing in Bainbridge, and justifies the high esteem in which he is held. During his early years he

gave promise of great ability, easily carrying off the honors of his class while a student, and in later years developing a shrewd business insight that was a surprise even to those who knew him best. He was born February 20, 1858, on Skinner Hill, Sherburne township, a son of Dan. Barnes and Jennet (Horton) Skinner. He became a student at Colgate Academy in 1873, and graduated at the head of his class in 1876. He then entered Madison University, located at Hamilton, Madison County, N. Y., graduating with honor in 1880. He was prominent in college fraternity work, being a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity, and became a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity upon his graduation. He stood high in all departments at college, and received prizes in both mathematics and elocution. He represented his University in Greek in the Inter-Collegiate contests of 1878. Since graduation, he has well sustained the reputation thus acquired.

Alfred Skinner, the grandfather, came to the State of New York with his father, Stephen Skinner, formerly of Connecticut, and settled in the town of Sherburne on what was afterward known as Skinner Hill, so called in honor of Stephen Skinner. Alfred Skinner followed farming as an occupation, filling in his spare time by working at the trade of a cabinet-maker. He was an industrious, hard working man, who soon acquired a competence and enjoyed a local reputation. He was a Whig in politics, an Abolitionist in sentiment, and assisted in the organization of the Republican party. The maiden name of his wife was Elizabeth

Coastin. The children born to them were: Sidney; Amasa; Dan. Barnes; La Fayette; Zara; Emory; Leonard; Exana; Jerusha; and Adaline. Late in life he went from New York to Wisconsin, where he died, at an advanced age.

Dan. Barnes Skinner was an inhabitant of Sherburne all his life. He was a farmer and a teacher at different periods of his career. He was also elected superintendent of schools, a work for which he had a special aptitude. Like his father, he was a Whig and Abolitionist. He took an active part in the formation of the Republican party, but died too early to participate in its great achievements. He had been elected a delegate to the state convention of that party the year of his death. His first matrimonial alliance resulted in the birth of three children: Leonard S. was born October 12, 1839, and is a merchant, ranch owner and mine operator in New Mexico; Frederick B., was born May 23, 1842, and was a member of Co. A., 114th Reg. N. Y. Inf. Vol. during the Civil War—he enlisted as a private, became sergeant by promotion and lost his life at the battle of Cedar Creek; Harriet Ione, the only daughter, lives at Norwich, the wife of Elihu Hickock. His second marriage was with Jennet Horton, and to them but one child was born, the subject of this biography. Dan. Barnes Skinner was born September 19, 1816, on Skinner Hill, and died at the same place, November 19, 1858.

The maternal grandfather of our subject was Newton Horton, whose father, Benjamin Horton, a native of Connecticut, was a farmer residing at Coventry at the time of death.

Newton Horton was married to Laura Tuttle. Her father was Uri Tuttle, a pioneer of Chenango County; he was a native of Connecticut, but moved to Oneida County, N. Y., and afterwards to this county, coming to Columbus when the country was one vast forest. His home was in the midst of the woods, and when any of the family left home the only path out of this wilderness was found by following "blazed" trees.

After leaving school George Irving Skinner devoted several years to teaching, his first position being in Norwich Academy, where he remained two years as assistant principal. The Union School of Smithville then secured his services as principal, his work there extending over a period of three years and proving his ability to impart information with the same facility that he had acquired it. While located at Smithville he began to take an active interest in politics and in 1884 was nominated for school commissioner by the Republicans of the 2nd school com. district, but was defeated on account of difference between factions. But he desired to become a lawyer, and with this end in view he returned to Norwich and studied for his chosen profession with John W. Church. He applied himself diligently to his studies and was admitted to the bar in January, 1887. He at once moved to Bainbridge where he has since been located. In April, 1890, he was appointed postmaster of Bainbridge by President Harrison and held the office until October 1, 1894. In January, 1897, he was appointed State Bank Examiner, and in March of the same year he was placed at the head of the Foreign Corporation,

Building, Loan and Banking Law Bureau of the New York State Banking Department. A number of examiners are connected with this branch of the State Banking Department and work under the instructions of the Chief of the Bureau. This Bureau has supervision over foreign corporations selling mortgages, bonds, and debentures in the State of New York, and also has charge of the Building and Loan Associations of the state.

November 19, 1891, Mr. Skinner married Mary Elizabeth McCrea, of Smithville, Chenango County, N. Y. Two children add their bright presence to this family group: George McCrea, born October 27, 1893; and Elizabeth, born March 8, 1897. Our subject is a member of the Episcopal Church, a vestryman of St. Peter's Church of Bainbridge, and for a number of years was superintendent of the Sunday School. Politically, he is a stanch Republican, and has been an active party worker for many years, contributing largely towards its success in the county. He has repeatedly served as delegate to county, congressional and senatorial conventions, and was a delegate to the state convention held in New York City in 1896, to elect delegates to the St. Louis Convention. In 1883 he became a member of the Eastern Light Lodge, F. & A. M., of Greene, but has since transferred his membership to Susquehanna Lodge, No. 167, of Bainbridge. He has filled all the principal offices of the lodge, and was elected master in 1892-3-5-6. He is well informed in all the workings of the lodge, and was district deputy grand lecturer of the 18th Masonic District in 1894. He also belongs to the Improved Order of Red

Men, having been sachem of Susquehanna Tribe No. 274, of Bainbridge, and deputy grand sachem for Chenango County in 1896. In private life Mr. Skinner is most companionable, and enjoys the society of hosts of friends.

DELOS VAN WOERT, ex-postmaster, and at present engaged in the fire insurance business, is one of Afton's substantial and progressive citizens. He was born in the town of Milford, Otsego County, N. Y., September 21, 1843. He is a son of Jacob and Sarah (Gile) Van Woert, and a grandson of Adrian Van Woert.

The family comes from the sturdy old Holland race, and the earliest ancestors, upon coming to this country, settled in the Mohawk Valley. Jacob Van Woert, the great-grandfather of our subject, came to this country, and with his brother, John, settled at Albany, N. Y. His trade was that of a ship-builder, but after moving to Otsego County, he engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War, serving until the end, and rendering valuable aid to the cause of liberty. After the war was over, he returned to Otsego, and there lived until his death, which occurred in 1843, when he was eighty years of age. He married Sarah Van Ness, by whom he had five children, who have all passed away; they were as follows: John; Peter; Adrian; Elizabeth, who married a Mr. Young; and Jacob.

Adrian Van Woert, the grandfather of our sketch, was born in Albany, N. Y., and was a

boy of twelve years, when he went to Otsego with his father. He made farming a life-long occupation, and accumulated considerable wealth, being an energetic worker, and a shrewd manager. He owned a farm of 200 acres and raised large quantities of grain. In 1850, he moved to Michigan and located near Kalamazoo, remaining there until his death. His wife, Elizabeth Young, was a daughter of David Young, who lived near Otsego, and their union was blessed by the birth of ten children, as follows: Mary, who died at an early age; Jacob, the father of our subject; David, deceased; Sarah, the wife of Edward Chidester, lives in Kalamazoo, Mich.; Mary, deceased, was the wife of James Scrambling; Rachel, relict of Artemus Gamet, lives in Kalamazoo County, Mich.; Margaret, deceased; Andrew lives near Jackson, Mich.; Cornelia, deceased; and Joseph, also deceased.

Jacob Van Woert was born May 13, 1817, in Delaware County, just across the river from the old homestead in Otsego County. When he was four years of age, his father moved to Otsego, and there he grew to manhood. After his marriage, he located in the town of Milford, where he engaged in farming. In 1848, he moved to Chenango County, and settled in what was then South Bainbridge, but now the town of Afton. After twenty-eight years of active work on the farm, he retired to the village of Afton, where he is now enjoying a well earned rest. His companion and helpmeet in life was Sarah Gile, to whom he was married December 19, 1839. She was a daughter of Andrew and Ruth (Knott) Gile, who lived near One-

onta, N. Y. Three children were born to them: Delos, the subject of this personal sketch; Mary, who was born in the town of Milford, October 9, 1846, and died at Afton, May 21, 1884,—she was the wife of James H. Nickerson, an extensive milk shipper, whose biography will be found elsewhere in this book; Egbert was born in the town of Afton, December 15, 1852, and died there, July 17, 1871. Jacob Van Woert is one of the oldest citizens of Afton, and during his residence there has ever identified himself with its interests, and has done much to promote the public welfare. In political views, he is a Republican, and has held a number of important offices; he has been town collector, commissioner of highways, and served one year as county poormaster. In religious affairs, he takes an active interest, and for the past twenty years has been an elder of the Presbyterian Church of Afton. Although he is now past eighty years of age, Mr. Van Woert is remarkably hearty, and has the appearance of one many years younger.

Delos Van Woert was four years of age when his father moved to Afton, and it has since been his home. He went through the public schools, took a two years' course in the academy at Norwich, and graduated from the State Normal School at Albany, in 1866. As a young man he was ambitious and energetic, devoting his whole time to business. For eight years he taught school in the winters and farmed in the summers. He then devoted his time exclusively to farming, and carried it on successfully, until 1889, when he moved to the village of Afton, where he was appointed postmaster, under

President Harrison. He served from 1889 to 1893, and was pronounced the best postmaster Afton ever had. At the expiration of his term of office, he clerked for two years, and then engaged in his present business, that of fire insurance agent. He is industrious and has the necessary tact for a successful insurance man. He is well educated, and well informed on all subjects of the day, and is a pleasing conversationalist. He is very popular in Afton, and does a large amount of business. He takes an active interest in political affairs, and has served the Republican party in a number of offices. He is looked upon as a party leader in Afton, and has been a delegate to many county conventions. He has served in an official capacity as town assessor for thirteen successive years, and in 1896, was appointed justice of the peace to fill a vacancy. A great deal of his time has been devoted to the educational interests of the village, and he is president of the board of education. Mr. Van Woert was joined in Hymen's bonds, November 1, 1868, with Esther P. Greene, a daughter of Truman L. Greene of Afton. One child, Anna Mary, was born to make their home happy.

REV. JOHN A. HART, pastor of St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church of the village of Norwich, this state, was born in Albany, N. Y., September 29, 1851. He graduated from the Christian Brothers' Academy of Albany, N. Y., in 1870;



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graduated in 1874 from the Joliette College, Canada; and then entered St. Joseph's Theological Provincial Seminary of Troy, N. Y., from which institution he was ordained a priest in December, 1877. He was then placed in charge of the Catholic Church, at Coopers-town, N. Y., and remained there one year, when he was sent to take charge of St. Patrick's Church in Troy, during the absence of the regular pastor. In all, he had charge of five different parishes before he became assistant of the church at Amsterdam, N. Y.; later he became assistant of the church at Saratoga, where he remained two years, and then was sent back to Troy to take charge of St. Mary's Church. His first regular pastorate was Boonville, N. Y., where he was situated five years. January 22, 1888, he was appointed to St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church of Norwich, N. Y., a position he has acceptably filled up to the present time. Shortly after he took charge of his new church, it suffered from fire, which spread rapidly, and despite the hard work done by the fire department, the building was a complete loss. Although a stranger to his congregation, he soon had money enough subscribed for the erection of a new church, and the parish not only has a very handsome structure, but one of the finest choirs in the county.

Father Hart is a genial, whole-souled gentleman, who is sure to create a favorable impression in whatever surroundings he is placed as a true Christian, who thoroughly believes in the brotherhood of man. He is a man of much more than ordinary ability, and we feel that we are but conservative in at-

tributing the present condition of the Catholic Society and its position among the other religious bodies of Chenango County to his efforts.

NEWTON D. BARTLE. The history of every community of progress and enterprise always includes the biographies of certain of its enterprising citizens, who have made themselves especially prominent in forwarding the growth and development of the place; these men of indomitable will and unconquerable energy almost invariably have arisen from honorable though humble walks of life, and have surmounted the ladder of success step by step till they reach a position that is the cynosure of the eyes of their fellow-citizens. To this class of citizens, whom the people denominate as self-made, we must surely include Mr. Bartle, who conducts a mercantile store in Guilford, N. Y., and whose portrait we take pleasure in presenting on the opposite page. His record offers a splendid example of what may be accomplished in an up-hill struggle by one to whom no discouraging obstacle offers a complete barrier to progress.

The subject of this sketch was born in the village of Oxford, N. Y., May 10, 1842, and is a son of John W. and Arvilla (Hill) Bartle. John Bartle, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Connecticut; in 1803 he came to Oxford and located on a tract of land consisting of 100 acres, which he purchased from the government. He erected a large public house, which he continued to run until the

time of his death. He was the father of a large family of children, all of whom lived to an advanced age. They were as follows: John W., the father of our subject; Phillip, deceased, was a merchant of Union, N. Y.; Andrew, deceased, was a farmer in Tioga County, N. Y.; Alanson F., deceased, was a merchant a short time in the village of Oxford, then went to New York City, where he ran a commission store, but spent his later days in the village of Oxford; Rosanna, the wife of David Lyons of Greene, N. Y.; Eme-line, deceased; and Hannah, deceased.

John W. Bartle was born on the old homestead, and lived there all his life, following the vocation of a farmer. Beginning as a farm renter, he demonstrated the possibilities afforded our American youths, and is to-day in the enjoyment of a well-earned competency. He has succeeded in paying off the other heirs, and, besides owning the old homestead, also possesses additional land to the amount of 400 acres. In politics he is a Democrat. He was united in marriage with Arvilla Hill, daughter of Chauncey Hill, a farmer in the town of Smithville, N. Y. To Mr. and Mrs. Bartle were born the following children: Ranford D., a well-to-do farmer in Delmar, N. Y.; Edwin D., deceased, was a farmer on the old homestead; John S., late of Binghamton, N. Y.; David W., late of Oxford; and Newton D., the subject of this personal history. Our subject's father, to whom an exceedingly old age has come, and yet who lives with as bright an eye and with faculties as clear and unimpaired as in the days of yore, is one of the most widely known and highly respected residents of Che-

nango County. He is a man of character and refinement. His share of the work of this busy world was well and carefully performed to the best of his ability. The success which attended his efforts was deserving, and came to him as a natural result of his methods of life.

Newton D. Bartle spent his younger days in school after the usual manner of American youths, and after his home education had been completed, he attended Oxford Academy. When he grew to manhood he engaged in the tilling of the soil, which he followed in the town of Oxford. In 1870 he came to the village of Guilford and started in to conduct a dry goods store, which has been his sole occupation up to the present day. Born of a family that has had much to do with public affairs, he is a sturdy exponent of true Democracy. He has served as justice of the peace almost continually to the present time since 1878, the only break being one year, when a Republican candidate was elected in the township by not more than 100 votes; this is the usual Republican majority, which Mr. Bartle failed only once in overcoming. Socially, he is a member of the A. O. U. W., and takes an active part toward the advancement of that order. He was married January 1, 1863, to Elexey S. Jacobs, daughter of Harvey Jacobs of Oxford, N. Y. They are the parents of one child, Nettie A., who married John Rowley, foreman of the Stillwater Creamery of Greene, N. Y., and has one son, Earl B. Mrs. Bartle departed from this life, January 3, 1897. She was a member of the Christ Episcopal Church of Guilford.

Mr. Bartle has built the home where he

lives and dispenses hospitality and good cheer to his many friends and acquaintances, and is altogether a very public-spirited citizen, and one who is deeply interested in the growth and development of the township, and the county at large. He is one of the oldest and most reliable and enterprising citizens resident within the borders of Guilford township. He is popular, both socially and from a business point of view, his genial politeness and sterling integrity and worth winning him a hearty patronage and a large circle of friends. No merchant has been so long in the business in the township, or understands better the fundamental principles of the mercantile vocation.

PROF. FRED WAITE CRUMB, the efficient principal of the Bainbridge High School, is a man of superior intellectual attainments and since acting in that capacity, has done much to promote the educational interests of the village and to elevate the moral tone of the pupils coming under his supervision. He is a son of Benjamin Waite and Mary Elizabeth (Maxson) Crumb, and was born August 22, 1861, in the town of De Ruyter, Madison County, N. Y.

His great-grandfather, Joseph Waite Crumb, was a native of Providence, Rhode Island, and a son of William Crumb, born in 1696, in Southern Germany, whose wife was of French descent and bore the name of Le Face. They emigrated to this country and located at Providence, where Mr. Crumb be-

came one of the leading merchants. Joseph Waite Crumb moved from Rhode Island in 1796, and came to Madison County, N. Y., bringing his seven sons and one daughter with him. He settled on a farm in the vicinity of De Ruyter and engaged in agricultural pursuits. Among his sons was one, Hosea Waite, the grandfather of our subject, who was born in Providence in 1794, and came with his father to De Ruyter in 1796. There he remained all his life and in connection with farming followed the trade of a cooper. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Martha Irish, and they became the parents of three children: Sarah, who died when an infant; Benjamin Waite, the father of our subject; and Sarah J., who became the wife of Giles D. Johnson, who still survives her and is living at Cazenovia, N. Y.

Benjamin Waite Crumb was educated in the common schools and at De Ruyter Institute, which was the leading school in Central New York from 1836 to 1860. After leaving school, his vocation was that of a farmer and he engaged in tilling the soil on the old homestead farm. He also dealt extensively in horses, and was a breeder of fine horses. He was engaged in this line of business until his death, which occurred February 10, 1891. He was a Republican in politics, and took an active interest in all political events of the day. He was twice bound in the holy bonds of wedlock, his first wife being Janet Coon, by whom he had two children: Janet; and Phineas B. His second union was with Mary Elizabeth Maxson, a daughter of John Maxson, a direct descendant of the first white child born in Rhode Island, who came to the

town of Preston in middle life, having followed the trade of a ship carpenter in early life. This union was blessed by the birth of four children, who are as follows: Herbert Frank, who is a resident of the town of Oxford, and has been town assessor for many years; John Maxson, an enterprising and progressive farmer, who has been very successfully engaged in dairying for the past few years, is also a resident of the town of Oxford; Prof. Fred Waite, in whom the interest of this sketch centers, and Owen Lovejoy.

Our subject attended the De Ruyter Union School and Academy of Madison County, N. Y., from which he graduated in 1881. He then entered Yates Academy of Chittenango, taking a full course and graduating in 1883. He was then thoroughly prepared to enter Alfred University of Alfred, Allegany County, N. Y., where he took a full classical course, and graduated in 1887. One year later he received the degree of Master of Arts. Upon completing his college education, he became principal of the Union School and Academy at North Brookfield, Madison County, and filled that position in a highly satisfactory manner for four years. He then came to Bainbridge and assumed the greater duties as principal of the Bainbridge Union School and Academy, which has since been changed to the Bainbridge High School. Prof. Crumb is an energetic and enterprising man and he immediately set about to improve the school in every manner possible. The citizens of the village heartily co-operate with him in his plans and do not hesitate to place their children under his

care. He possesses the entire confidence of the people and the attendance has rapidly increased under his capable management, making it necessary to build an addition to the school at a cost of \$7,000.00. In addition to this \$500.00 was appropriated with which scientific apparatus was bought. The grounds about the building have been graded and many other substantial improvements have been made which add greatly to the school's appearance. The teachers of this institution are all well educated and competent to teach the various branches of study. The studies taught are of the most advanced order of high school work, and are divided into three courses, namely: English, Classical, and Scientific; a student who has completed one of these courses is ready for entrance upon college work. Prof. Crumb is a thoroughly wide-awake educator, popular alike with pupils, teachers, and citizens, and has proven that he is the right man in the right place. He is still a young man, just in the prime of life, and has a brilliant future in educational work before him.

Our subject was joined in matrimony with Marie L. Birdsall, July 30, 1890, and they are the parents of one daughter, Helen Marie, who was born September 9, 1896. Mrs. Crumb is a daughter of Dr. Gilbert Birdsall, of North Brookfield, a native of Otsego County, N. Y., who is now practicing medicine in that village. Dr. Birdsall served during the Civil War in Co. H., 2nd N. Y. Heavy Artillery; he is a prominent member of the Republican party, and has served in an official capacity as pension examiner, and post master at North Brookfield. Socially, our

subject is a member of Sanger Lodge, No. 129, F. & A. M.; Valonia Chapter No. 80; and Norwich Commandery, No. 46, K. T. He is also a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, Susquehanna Tribe, No. 274.

DAVID LEWIS TAYLOR, M. D., is a young physician of ability and skill who, in the few years of his residence in Bainbridge, has made for himself many friends, and secured a good practice. He was educated in the Oneonta Union School, where he won the approbation of his instructors by his close application to his work. After leaving school, he accepted a position as bookkeeper with D. M. Miller & Son, hop dealers of Oneonta, where he worked for eighteen months, when he resigned to accept a position as foreman and bookkeeper in the Conrad Yagle Clothing Manufactory of the same place. It had always been his wish to enter professional ranks, and he now took up the study of medicine with Dr. J. H. Van Rensselaer of Oneonta. He set about this work with his usual diligence, and in a short time was prepared to enter the Albany Medical College, from which he graduated in 1892. He at once came to Bainbridge and opened an office, giving to his practice the care and attention that mark the successful physician. He is a member of the Albany Medical Alumni, and feels deeply interested in the affairs of his alma mater. He is a member of Susquehanna Tribe, No. 274, Improved Order of Red Men. Dr. Taylor is a wide-awake, enterprising

young man, whose successful practice at this time predicts a brilliant future. Our subject chose Miss Nettie Jenks, a daughter of Harrison Jenks of Gilbertsville, Otsego County, as his bride, the ceremony occurring June 13, 1889. Dr. Taylor was born December 25, 1867, in Oneonta, and is a son of William and Elizabeth (McClerman) Taylor.

William Taylor was born in Albany, N. Y., in 1827, his father, William Taylor, having permanently located in that city, when he arrived in America, after the long voyage from his native hills of Scotland. William Taylor, Jr., grew to manhood in Albany, and remained there until 1862, when he moved to Oneonta, and engaged in the commission business, at the same time buying and selling large quantities of stock; he dealt in stock on an extensive scale, shipping to the New York City markets. Perhaps more extensively than any man of the section, he was engaged in that work, and it contributed in no small degree to the wealth which he was enabled to accumulate. He was a Democrat, and no man was better posted on current events than he; the same intelligent judgment was observed in politics that was employed in business life. He died in 1883, leaving a large family to perpetuate his name, as follows: William, who resides in Whiteside County, Illinois, and expert judge of like stock, and a large wholesale dealer, formerly with the P. D. Armour Co. of Chicago, Ill., but now in the employ of a Philadelphia house; Jerome, a farmer of Oneonta; James, proprietor of a large plant for making butter in Whiteside County, Ill.; John S., for eight years a teacher, but at present bookkeeper

and superintendent of the Crawford Wagon Works at Delhi; Charles, a teacher in the town of Laurens, Otsego County; and David Lewis, the subject of this biography. Three children died in infancy. The lady whom Mr. Taylor married was Miss Elizabeth McClerman, whose parents were natives of the southern part of Scotland, where they passed their lives; the daughter left the land of the thistle when quite young, and came to this country to make her home. Here she met Mr. Taylor and became his wife, rearing her six sons to lives of honor and usefulness.

DR. WINFIELD SCOTT FISH, who for twenty-one years was the leading dentist of the village and town of Sherburne, is now engaged with his wife, Helen M. Fish, in catering to the wants of the traveling public in the popular Hotel Daniels, of which he and his wife are proprietors. He is well known in Sherburne and the vicinity, and has an unassailable reputation for integrity, and straight-forward dealing. Dr. Fish was born in Herkimer village, N. Y., July 19, 1839, and was a son of Almanzor Denslow and Julia Ann (Howell) Fish, and grandson of Samuel and Mary (West) Fish.

Samuel Fish emigrated from the town where he was born in Connecticut, to Herkimer County, N. Y., in 1806, with his brothers, Walter and Joseph, and located on the site of the present village of Frankport. In 1839, he changed his residence to Litchfield, Herkimer County, and lived for several

years on a farm he purchased some two miles from the Mohawk River. He then moved to a farm near by in the same township, where our subject's father was born. Samuel Fish attained the age of about sixty years, while his wife was well along in her eighty-fourth year, when overtaken by death. Their children were: Elias L.; Alonzo L.; Almanzor Denslow; Mary; and Nancy.

Our subject's father was born in the town of Litchfield, Herkimer County, December 10, 1813, and there grew to manhood. In his early youth he spent some time in the private school of J. C. Underwood of Otsego County, and then went one spring to Canada with the intention of going on a fishing voyage, but failed to carry out his plans, being held back by fear of the cholera that was then raging there. He next went to Clinton, to complete his education under the direction of George R. Perkins, since professor of mathematics in the State Normal School, but he fell sick with an intermittent fever, and returned to his home in Litchfield to recuperate his strength. During the following winter and summer he was an attendant of the Clinton Liberal Institute, and in the next year went to Sauquoit. When he was nineteen years of age, he began the study of law in the office of Griffin & Allen of Clinton, with whom he remained one summer. He then went to Utica, N. Y., to study in the office of Cooper & Hunt, and was for a time a student in the office of Aaron Huckley of Herkimer. His next removal was to Watertown, N. Y., but he soon returned to Herkimer County, and continued his studies under the direction of J. C. Underwood, who was

then in practice with Judge Michael Hoffman, until his admission to the bar. He practiced in Herkimer County until his health failed him, when he bought a farm in the town of Litchfield, Herkimer County, removed his family thither, and followed agricultural pursuits the rest of his life; he retired from active labor at last, and at the age of sixty two years departed from this life, February 27, 1875, being then a resident of Sherburne, making his home with his younger son, Dr. M. Hoffman Fish. He was a man of fine educational attainments, and was a trenchant as well as a brilliant prose writer on various subjects; he was also a happy versifier, and composed a number of short poems, that reflect credit on his ability. He married Julia A. Howell, a daughter of Capt. William Howell, who served at Sackett's Harbor, in the War of 1812. They were married in Herkimer, in 1837, and had a family of two sons and one daughter, as follows: Winfield Scott, the subject of this sketch; Hattie A., born in Litchfield, December 8, 1841, who married William H. Round, and died at Richfield, N. Y., November 24, 1868; and M. Hoffman, the leading dentist of the village of New Berlin. Mrs. Fish lived to be eighty-four years old. Our subject's father supported the Democratic party from the time the Whig party broke up until his death.

Dr. Winfield S. Fish attended the Winfield Academy, and then followed the machinist's trade at Ilion, N. Y., for five years, and then for a like period was engaged in selling sewing machines, until he commenced to study dentistry at Sherburne, N. Y., with his

brother. He then went into business with Dr. M. Hoffman Fish, and their partnership, that extended over a period of nearly six years, was marked by very successful work; during this time, Fish Brothers conducted three offices, the one at Earlville being run by our subject, and the offices at New Berlin and Sherburne being attended to by his brother, spending three days of the week at one place, and the remaining three days at the other place. He then bought out his brother's interest in the office at Sherburne, and practiced his profession alone in Sherburne, until he sold his business to E. L. Martin, since which time he has been interested in conducting a hotel. When he married the first time he built the residence on North Main Street, which is now owned by Mrs. McCall.

Dr. Fish married Frances M. Perkins, daughter of John T. Perkins of Washington Mills, N. Y.; she died at thirty-five years of age, leaving one daughter, Flora, who died when four years old. Our subject's second wife, Helen M. Griswold, widow of Henry B. Griswold, was a daughter of James and Ruth (Arnold) Merriam. James Merriam was born in New Salem, Mass., and came to Chenango County when a young man, with no other capital than his knowledge of the cooper's trade. He worked at his chosen vocation at New Berlin, married there, and went west to Chicago, where he engaged in the cooperage business for several years. Returning to Morrisville, Otsego County, he went into business; his wife having inherited a farm in Plymouth township, this county, they moved thither and settled down, Mr.

Merriam following agricultural pursuits and cooperating. Mrs. Merriam was a daughter of Joseph Arnold; she died in Plymouth at the age of sixty-four, and her husband then moved to Norwich, and carried on business until his death, which occurred when he was sixty-eight years old. Their children were: Irvin, a member of Co. B, 22d Reg. N. Y. Vol. Cav., who was taken prisoner in the battle of the Wilderness, and died in Andersonville Prison; Helen M., our subject's wife; and Rosanna. Helen M. Merriam, now our subject's wife, was first married to John Randall of the firm of Taylor Brothers & Co., merchants of the village of Pitcher, this county. Mr. Randall died at the age of twenty-four, and his widow then married Henry B. Griswold, who was a native of the town of German, Chenango County. Mr. Griswold was reared to agricultural pursuits, but his best years were spent as a landlord. He enlisted in Co. K, 10th Reg. N. Y. Vol. Cav.; he was taken prisoner during one of the engagements of his troop, and carried to Belle Isle, whence he escaped and returned home. He went into hotel keeping at Willet. In 1872, with J. G. Smith, now a resident of Sherburne, he ran the Hotchkiss House at Oxford until he removed to Sherburne, and bought the Medbury House, which he operated with marked success for several years. Finally selling this hostelry he bought a farm and hotel at McDonough, and conducted both enterprises until he bought the Tabor House of De Ruyter. Removing to the latter place, he took charge of his newly acquired hotel property, and conducted the business two years, when he in company with

Harvey Trass bought the Hotel Daniels, which had been built in 1881, replacing the Medbury House, which had been destroyed by fire. The structure is in every respect a model hotel, built according to approved plans, with many modern details of excellence. It is three stories high, and contains some ninety rooms. The building is heated by steam, furnished with hot and cold water, and supplied with abundant bathing conveniences. The hotel is located in the very center of the village, and has the most advantageous situation of any hotel in the northern part of Chenango County. Mr. Griswold took charge of the Hotel Daniels January 1, 1892, but was at the head only a few months, for he was stricken by death May 4, 1892. He left one son, Ralph J., born August 6, 1880, who graduated in 1896, from the Fairfield Military Academy, and who is now attending the Albany Business College. Mr. Griswold was married before, and had one son, who is now in business at Sidney. After Mr. Griswold's decease, his widow with Mr. Trass ran the hotel until her marriage with Dr. Winfield S. Fish, the subject of this writing, who bought Mr. Trass' interest. The hotel has since been conducted by Helen M. & W. S. Fish as proprietors; they have one of the best equipped hotels in the county, and extend a hospitable greeting to the traveling public, that finds not its equal in many a long day's journey.

Our subject is a stanch Republican, as regards his allegiance to party. He is an honorary member of the Torrent Engine Company of Sherburne, and served six years as the chief engineer of the fire department of



EDWARD DANIELS.

the village. Dr. Fish is a member of the Sixth District Dental Association, and is a well known and deservedly popular Mason, belonging to Sherburne Lodge, No. 444, F. & A. M.

EDWARD DANIELS, president of the village of Sherburne, and prominent as a business man, respected for his integrity and straightforward dealing with his fellow-men, and a gentleman who has attained success, not as the recipient of a legacy, but through individual endeavor, is at present dealing in hops and produce. He was born in the above village July 16, 1849, and is a son of James and Catherine (Ryan) Daniels.

James Daniels and wife settled in the village of Sherburne, N. Y., in 1840. Mr. Daniels bought several small parcels of land, which he later disposed of and bought the old Thayer farm, and lived there until the date of his death, which occurred in 1896, at the advanced age of eighty years. Mrs. Daniels passed from this life in 1892, aged seventy-eight years. Their children were as follows: Thomas; John, deceased; Mary; Joanna; Edward, our subject; James, deceased; and Alice; all of whom are respected citizens in the different localities in which they reside.

Our subject lived at home, assisting his father in the labors of the farm and attending school, besides clerking in a store between the ages of twelve and sixteen years. He remained under the parental roof until he had attained his majority. He first engaged

in the buying and selling of stock, and then became a dealer in hops, buying thousands of bales each year. He is now the largest hop dealer in his section of the county. He also formed a partnership with F. C. Doolittle, and under the firm name of Doolittle & Daniels they operated a general store, occupying the first floor of the Empire Block, where they carried a large and well selected stock of dry goods, groceries and produce. When he sold his interests in the store, Mr. Daniels began to deal more extensively in hops and produce. He purchased the Irons property, and immediately thereafter improved and enlarged the house and barns and grounds.

Mr. Daniels married Miss Etta Harrington, daughter of Asa and Lucy Harrington of Sherburne, N. Y., and as a result of this union one child has blessed their home, Jennie Catherine, born August 7, 1883. In politics our subject is a stanch follower of the Republican party, whose principles he believes in honestly and sincerely, and he casts his vote with the party of his choice, whenever opportunity occurs. From the time of his entrance into the community, he has ever been interested in its welfare, and has fulfilled the duties of a good citizen, lending a helping hand at every chance in aiding Sherburne to become one of the first towns in the Empire State. He was postmaster from August, 1889, to October, 1894, and is now president of the village. He has also served as chief of the Sherburne Fire Department. Much credit is due Mr. Daniels for the condition in which the streets of the village are kept. The village of Sherburne was founded in

1790, at which time it was simply a postoffice for the surrounding countrymen. In 1801 the first store was opened, and round it clustered what has come to be one of the most flourishing villages in the county, with a population of 1,200. It boasts a bank, four hotels, several fine dry goods stores, some of the ablest lawyers in the county, six churches, a good school, a newspaper, a cotton and knitting factory, a machine shop, and one of the finest depots on the line of the D., L. & W. R. R. The citizens of Sherburne may well be proud of their village and its history of steady growth and industrial development; they may well congratulate themselves that they have the proper man in the chief magistrate's chair, who will see that every interest of the village is conserved and promoted.

We are indeed pleased to present on another page of this work an excellent portrait of Mr. Daniels, executed from a photograph taken in May, 1898.

RUFUS S. IVES, a farmer of Guilford, Chenango County, N. Y., who is held in high esteem wherever he is known, and who is a fair example of the kind of men who have built up this part of the State of New York, was born in the old Ives Settlement August 1, 1831, and is a son of Alfred and Roxalena (Parsons) Ives.

Abraham Ives, the great-grandfather of our subject, was born in the State of Connecticut, and was a farmer and stone mason all his life. He was the father of a large family

of children, who were as follows: Samuel, a prominent farmer and the first of the Ives to locate in the State of New York; Lyman; Elias and Abraham, both of whom were farmers in the above settlement; Clarissa, the oldest daughter, who was united in marriage to Ozias Bush; Fannie, who was married to Lyman Trask, and upon his death married Ozias Bush, the widower of her oldest sister Clarissa; Eunice, the wife of Abijah Cornwall; and Mariab, who married Stephen Yale.

Samuel Ives, the eldest son, was the first of the family to leave home; he came west and located in New York State. Being favorably impressed with the surroundings of the country, he purchased a tract of 100 acres, and then returned home, where he was married to Lucy Ann Atwater, and in the winter of 1797, he and his bride started for their new home, arriving in Chenango County in the spring of 1798, and took up their headquarters in the log house which had been built by Samuel Ives on his first visit to this district. In the meantime his father in 1796 moved to this new country, and bought a large tract of land near that owned by his son. He also was the owner of a horse which was the only one in the neighborhood. It was his only means of carrying grain to the mills, which were located at Oxford and Unadilla, a distance of nine miles. Later the rest of the family followed, and this was the beginning of what has been known for the past century as the Ives Settlement. He died with typhoid fever at the age of forty-five years. His wife and six children and a large circle of friends mourned the loss of

such a valuable neighbor and good citizen. His children were as follows: Alfred, the father of our subject; Orin; Isaac A.; Samuel G.; Edwin; and Lucy. Samuel Ives was a leader in politics in his neighborhood, and always upheld the principles of the Democratic party. He lived the life of a true Christian, and was beloved and respected wherever known.

Alfred Ives, father of our subject, was born in the Ives Settlement in Guilford township, January 22, 1798. He, too, was one of the pioneers of the State of New York, and among Chenango County's most distinguished citizens, who have contributed to its prosperity; departing this life, he left behind monuments of his labors that will be remembered and lauded by many generations yet to come. Such advantages as were offered in this country years ago, in the way of schools, were made use of by him, and by perseverance and energy he acquired a fair education. He inherited the occupation of a farmer, and when he grew to manhood he purchased the old homestead, which was later increased by the addition of another farm of 100 acres. In addition to farming he carried on dairying, and was the owner of the finest herd of cattle in his district. He was a member of the Congregational Church. The Democratic party ever claimed his support, and he held many local offices in the town. He died on the old homestead February 22, 1866. He was united in marriage to Roxalena Parsons, daughter of Jehial Parsons, a native of Connecticut, who came to the town of Guilford, and engaged in the pursuits of an agricul-

turist. Three children blessed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ives, namely; Emeline P., who married Edwin M. Whiting, now deceased, a mail agent on the C. & N. W. R. R.; L. A. is a farmer and a neighbor of our subject, whose sketch also appears in this book; and Rufus S., the subject of this personal history.

Rufus S. Ives was brought up to agricultural pursuits, and was educated in the district schools of his native town. He has lived on the old homestead all his life, and with the assistance of his sons he carries on farming to a large extent. The homestead consists of 255 acres; he also owns a farm of 184 acres in the town of Guilford, which is one of the best improved farms in the county. He is engaged extensively in dairying, and always keeps a large herd of grade cattle, and milks 45 cows the year around. In politics he is an active Republican and was elected assessor for twelve consecutive years. He is strictly a temperance man, and for more than forty years he was minister of the Congregational Church of Guilford. He was married September 6, 1853, to Miss Adaline H. Van Cott, daughter of John Van Cott, and sister of the wife of L. A. Ives. They reared four children, as follows: Alfred, who assists his father on the old homestead; Arthur, who died in his boyhood days; Paris Rufus, deceased; and Millie, who remains at home. The Ives family record discloses a creditable history, and the later descendants possess in a marked degree those honest and substantial qualities which have constituted them excellent citizens of the various communities where their lots have been cast.

ISAAC DALRYMPLE, an extensive farmer and stock-raiser of the town of Otselic, resides on his farm of 252 acres, which is well supplied with substantial and neat looking buildings, necessary for carrying on his vocation. He was born in the above named town, August 31, 1860, and is a son of Charles C. and Caroline C. (Marden) Dalrymple, and grandson of Eli Dalrymple. Eli Dalrymple was a native of Massachusetts and followed the trade of a cooper; after moving to this county, in 1833, he engaged in farming in the eastern part of the town of Otselic, which was then very sparsely settled. He was the father of two sons: Charles C.; and John, a farmer of the town of Smyrna.

Charles C. Dalrymple was born in Brookfield, Madison County, N. Y., September 10, 1826. He tilled the soil, and for a number of years was very successful, but he became deeply involved in debt by indorsing papers for others. He was generous to a fault, and would not stand by and see a man in trouble, without rendering all the assistance in his power; he even shared his money with destitute men when he needed it badly himself. He was united in marriage with Caroline C. Marden, whose father was William Marden, a native of New Hampshire, but later a resident of the town of Otselic. Two children were born to them, whose names are as follows: Ella F., the wife of Milton Thompson, of the town of Otselic; and Isaac, our subject. Socially, Charles C. Dalrymple was a member of Lodge No. 659, F. & A. M., of South Otselic. Like all good citizens he took an interest in politics, and was a Demo-

crat; he held a number of public offices, chief of which were those of supervisor and railroad commissioner. He passed to his eternal rest, September 21, 1877.

Isaac Dalrymple was reared on a farm and received his primary education in the district schools, after which he attended Norwich Academy. At the age of seventeen, upon the death of his father, he came into possession of the farm, upon which he now lives, which was then heavily encumbered with debts. He at once set about with the persistent purpose of clearing the farm of its debts, which he has done by his wonderful foresight and sound judgment, together with an unlimited energy for hard work and the ability to do it well. For a few years he taught school, after which he directed his attention to his farm, upon which he still remains. He makes a specialty of Holstein cattle, and has one of the finest herds in the county, which contains none but thoroughbreds; he has fifty head, thirty of them being cows and the remainder young stock.

January 3, 1882, Mr. Dalrymple married Rosa M. Hagerty, a daughter of Richard Hagerty, a farmer of the town of Otselic. They are the proud parents of two children, namely: Charles C., and David B. Hill. He is quite prominent in social circles, being a member of the following fraternal orders: Otselic Grange, No. 463, Patrons of Husbandry; Georgetown Lodge, No. 679, I. O. O. F.; and Lodge No. 726, F. & A. M., of Georgetown, N. Y.

In political preferences he is a Democrat, and has held many town offices of trust; he was a member of the board of supervisors

for six years, representing one of the strongest Republican towns in the county, and has been postmaster of Otselic, and railroad commissioner. For fifteen years he has been secretary of the Otselic Creamery, which is one of the largest creameries in the county; a great deal of credit is due Mr. Dalrymple for its present prosperous condition.

JAMES L. GUILLE, engineer and electrician of the Oxford Electric Light Co., and one of the enterprising and respected citizens of that town, was born in North Norwich, this county, August 24, 1853. He is a son of Enos and Jane (Henry) Guile, the former a native of New Berlin, and the latter a native of Plymouth, N. Y.

William Guile, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Saratoga, N. Y., and in 1808 moved to Chenango County, locating in New Berlin, where he was engaged as a carpenter and joiner. Later he followed the pursuits of an agriculturist, which was his sole occupation the rest of his life. He married Mary Lattimore of Saratoga, N. Y., and they were the parents of seven children, who all became well-to-do and respected citizens in the localities in which they lived. They were as follows: William; James; Nathan; Reeve; Catherine; Ruth; and Enos, the youngest, and father of our subject. Mr. Guile was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. In politics, he was an old-time Whig.

Enos Guile was educated in the public schools of New Berlin, and upon leaving school he taught a few terms, and then took

up the trade of a carpenter and millwright, which he followed the rest of his active life. In politics he affiliates with the Republican party, whose principles he upholds and supports, casting his vote for its men and measures whenever legitimate opportunities are afforded. He has served as collector of taxes of the town of New Berlin for one year and of the town of North Norwich two years. He is a gentleman respected for his morality as well as integrity, and has led an upright and straightforward life, endeavoring by word and deed to do as he would be done by. When the Rebellion broke out and the call was issued for troops to preserve the Union, he laid aside his personal interests and plans for the future, and enlisted as a soldier, November 8, 1861. He was assigned to the 8th Reg. N. Y. Vol. Cav., and remained in the service throughout the war, receiving an honorable discharge in July, 1865. He was joined in marriage with Jane Henry, and they reared a family of three children, namely: Col. F., deceased; Lydia, who has been twice married,—her first husband was John Skinner of New Berlin, now deceased, and her second husband is Albertus Langworthy of Norwich; and James L., the subject of this biography. In religious views the members of the family were Methodists.

James L. Guile was educated in the public schools of New Berlin, and for the three years after he left school was engaged in agricultural pursuits. He then learned the trade of a carpenter and millwright, which he followed with great success for three years, when he accepted a position as engineer in Norwich. He also operated a saw

mill in which he was successful, although the work did not suit him. For almost six years he was engineer for the Chair Company, and two years with the D., L. & W. R. R. as fireman. In 1892 he accepted his present position as engineer and electrician of the Oxford Electric Light Co. Politically, he is a staunch Republican. Socially, he is a member of Lodge No. 175, F. & A. M., of Oxford. Mr. Guile is a member of the National Association Stationary Engineers.

Our subject was joined in wedlock with Emma Follett, daughter of Marshall A. Follett of Norwich. Mr. and Mrs. Guile have reared and educated the following children: Mabel, Marshall, Ruth A., and James L., all of whom are residing with their parents. The members of the family are sincere adherents of the Congregational Church. Mr. Guile is now in the prime of life, enjoying the comforts of a good home and surrounded by a happy family. His strict attention to business has secured him a fair share of this world's goods, while his uprightness in all dealings, combined with his genial deportment, has won him the respect and affection of all who know him.

WILLIAM MYGATT, deceased, was one of the prosperous merchants of the village of Oxford and one of the most prominent men in the community. Coming to the village of Oxford in the year 1818, he began business in a small way, and by his untiring energy, his diligent attention to business, and a wise forecast of what the

future would bring, he became eminently successful. His business operations were of greater magnitude and extent than usually pertain to one man in a town of the size of Oxford; in all his dealings he maintained an unsullied integrity, and a character for fidelity and honesty above suspicion or reproach. He was a man who was liberal in a sense, yet saving in habits, and by the time he was sixty-six years of age he had amassed considerable wealth and was enabled to retire from active business life. He faithfully fulfilled the obligations of a husband, a father and a citizen, and folded his hands for his final rest, with a consciousness of having done his duty in the best manner possible, with the approval of his own conscience and the deep respect of his neighbors and acquaintances.

Mr. Mygatt was born in the town of New Milford, Conn., October 25, 1785, and was a son of Noadiah and Clarissa (Lynes) Mygatt. In his native town were spent the years of his childhood, youth and early manhood. In 1818 he came to the State of New York and located at Oxford, making that village his home until the time of his death. He was united in marriage, July 29, 1817, with Catherine Northrup, who was a native of New Milford, Conn. Their union was blessed by the birth of the following children: Elizabeth, the wife of Henry L. Miller of Oxford, and the mother of John E. Miller, whose personal history appears elsewhere in this Book of Biographies; Frederick N.; Sarah A. married Dr. A. B. Coe, whose sketch is also recorded in this book, and they are the parents of one son, George B.; Emily M.; Susan

M.; Caroline L. married Hon. Rufus J. Baldwin of Minneapolis, Minn., and they have one son, Frederick R.; Jane A. became the wife of Dr. George Douglass of Oxford; and Julia M., who married Judge C. E. Vanderburgh of Minneapolis, Minn., and bore him two children, William and Julia. Our subject's habits of life were rigidly temperate, frugal and regular, and to them he was doubtless indebted for that uniform health which he enjoyed even to old age. He was early trained in his New England home in the principles of Christianity, and always exhibited a high appreciation of the institutions of religion, giving to them his personal encouragement and pecuniary assistance. He was a faithful member of the Congregational Church. Thus he lived to a good, ripe age, honored and respected, and then passed away and entered into his eternal rest. His hands were folded in response to the final summons, February 4, 1868, leaving a goodly record of an honest life filled with kind impulses and good deeds.

JN. FISHER, who is interested in the tanning business with his brother, J. E. M. Fisher, at South Otselic, N. Y., was born in Bavaria, Germany, November 3, 1842. He is a son of Yobst and Margaret (Ritter) Fisher. Yobst Fisher was born in February, 1804, in Bavaria, Germany. While in Bavaria he dealt extensively in stock, fattening them and taking them to market. Seeing the advantages offered to industrious men in America, he came to this coun-

try in 1848, bringing his family with him. He settled in Manlius, Onondaga County, N. Y., and engaged in farming. He bought a farm, and by making many improvements made it one of the finest farms in the county. He lived upon it the rest of his life. Mr. Fisher married Margaret Ritter of Bavaria, Germany, before coming to this country. Five children were born to them: Earhart (deceased) was a farmer in Onondaga County; Eugene, who is in the butcher business in the town of Manlius; Henry (deceased) was a minister of the Evangelical Church; John E. M. is a partner in a tannery with our subject; and J. N., in whom the interest of this sketch centers. They were all born in Bavaria, Germany. In religious belief, Yobst Fisher was a member of the German Evangelical Church. Politically, he sided with the Republican party. Mrs. Fisher is now ninety-one years of age, and is remarkably hearty for a woman of her years. She still resides on the old homestead.

J. N. Fisher received his education in the district schools, after which he learned the trade of a tanner at Fayetteville, N. Y. He followed this occupation until August 3, 1864, when he enlisted in Co. H., 2d Reg. N. Y. Vol. Cav. He was in the Third Division of the Army of the Potomac, and fought under Gen. Custer. He took part in all of the important engagements, and rendered valiant service for his country. He remained until the end, and was at Appomattox Court House when Lee's surrender to Grant brought a conclusion to the strife. He returned home in June, 1865, having received an honorable discharge. The following year he and his

brother, John E. M., succeeded Elihu Thompson in the tanning business at South Otselic. They have conducted this business ever since, but it has greatly increased, and they now turn out 140 dressed hides per week. They are also interested in farming in South Otselic.

J. N. Fisher was joined in marriage with Nettie Cone, September 26, 1871. Her father, who is deceased, was Daniel Cone, a farmer in Chenango County. Two children have blessed their home: Clayton, who naturally follows the trade in which his father has been so successful; and Ida May, who lives at home with her parents. In politics, Mr. Fisher is a firm supporter of the principles promulgated by the Republican party. Besides being successful in business, he has been a good citizen and has made many friends.

EDGAR S. BULLIS, M. D., is the skillful and efficient surgeon of the Albany and Susquehanna R. R. at Bainbridge. He is a son of Chauncey De La Fayette and Hannah Storey (Leach) Bullis, and was born May 2, 1862, in Moriah, Essex County, N. Y.

Chauncey De La Fayette Bullis was a son of Isaac Bullis, whose parents came from Germany to Essex County, where he was born and passed his entire life. He was an extensive manufacturer of iron, using charcoal in his furnaces. His wife was a Scotch lady; among the children born to them was Chauncey De La Fayette, whose birth oc-

curred about the year 1826. Our subject's father is a farmer of no small repute and has also engaged in merchandising to a considerable extent. He has always resided in Essex County, and has been strongly identified with the Republican party in that section; he has held several offices, and discharged the duties in such a manner as to elicit the highest praise. He was elected to the office of sheriff, and later became justice of the peace, in both positions being a constant menace to all evil-doers. He is at present serving as coroner, an office he has held continuously for about twelve years, showing that he is a very popular and satisfactory official. His wife was Hannah Storey Leach, who was born in 1829 and passed away in 1890, after a life that spread sunshine and happiness on those about her; she was a woman whose many deeds of kindness are indelibly inscribed in the loving memories of her friends. She left a husband and two children, three of her little ones having preceded her to the brighter shore. The record reads as follows: Lester died in infancy; Luther died at the age of seven years; Ida died at the age of five years; Edgar S., our subject; and Adelaide, the wife of William Hooper of Westport, N. Y.

Dr. Edgar S. Bullis received a good education; he had a retentive memory and was able to grasp almost at a glance a subject that would require hard study on the part of many. He first attended Sherman Academy at Moriah, then studied under the preceptorship of Dr. C. S. McLaughlin and Dr. C. A. Hopper of Port Henry, N. Y., after which he entered the University of Vermont. He



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was a young man who determined on pushing his way to the front, and applied himself diligently to achieve that purpose, so we are not surprised to hear of him as among the youngest graduates of Drake University, at Des Moines, Iowa, in the class of 1884. After graduating he went to Ames, Iowa, to locate, where his ability was soon recognized and his services secured as instructor in the State Agricultural College of that place; there he remained two years, until 1886, giving the best of satisfaction. Feeling, however, that he had a more important mission to perform, he came back to the home of his childhood and located in Schroon Lake, Essex County, where his invalid patients found him a kind and skillful healer. His mission was to cure the sick, and his aid was freely given alike to rich and poor, with no thought of the sufferer's ability to repay him. He remained but a year in this village, where everyone was his friend, coming thence to Bainbridge, a much better field in which to practice medicine. In his present field he has secured a wonderful reputation for the skill and care displayed in all the cases that come under his charge, while the success that has attended his efforts has justified the confidence that has been placed in him. His success both as a physician and surgeon soon attracted the attention of outsiders, and the officials of the Albany and Susquehanna R. R. at once set about securing his services for their road. He at length accepted the charge, and has been called upon to relieve many an injury that has seemed almost past relief, but which, under his judicious and skillful care, has been entirely cured.

Aside from railroad work he enjoys a very large practice. He takes a deep interest in everything pertaining to medicine, and is a member of the Academy of Medicine at Binghamton. He is also connected with a number of fraternal societies, namely: the F. & A. M.; I. O. O. F.; Knights of Pythias; Patriotic Order of Sons of America; and the Improved Order of Red Men of Susquehanna. He has always been interested in the success of the Republican party, and does his share towards its advancement. He never loses an opportunity to help along the cause of education, and is one of the most able members of the board of education of Bainbridge.

On the 24th of March, 1886, Dr. Bullis was united in marriage with Ella Louise Leland. Their home is the embodiment of cosiness and home comfort, and the guest in their household is made to feel a hearty welcome. Two children have added their bright presence to this home circle: Leland Storey and Louise Griffin.

JOSEPH K. FOX. While the newspaper is such an important auxiliary in our civilization, yet to embark in a journalistic enterprise is a hazardous undertaking, and is oftener attended with disaster than success. It requires a person of peculiar talents—in fact, a combination of talents to be a successful editor. In the first place, he must be educated in the broadest sense: he should be a man of dispassionate judgment, and free from prejudices;

he should be a ready writer, and quick at analysis of subjects; last, but not least, he should be a brainy man. But it is a rare thing to find this combination, and this is the cause of so many newspaper failures. THE NEW BERLIN GAZETTE, in its mature age, has such a combination, yet it had a hard and long road to travel, before it reached its present height in newspaper fame. Its success is mainly due to the untiring efforts of the editor, Joseph K. Fox.

He was born in Reephamshire, England, in 1830, and is a son of Robert and Susannah (Keeler) Fox. Robert Fox was also born in Reephamshire, England, and was educated for the ministry. He preached in England for a short time, but in 1830 came to this country, bringing his wife and infant son. They landed in New York City, then went to Utica, N. Y., where they located. There he entered the Wyoming Conference, but later was transferred to the Troy Conference. From Utica he went to Albany, where he was pastor of the State M. E. Church, and while there was made chaplain of the State Legislature. He next moved to Troy, where he was living at the time of his death. In his ministerial work, he filled the pulpits of many of the principal churches in the State. He was a well educated man and possessed natural oratorical ability; he was a strong and forcible speaker, firm in his convictions and fearless in the expression of them. He was united in marriage with Susannah Keeler, and they reared a family of five children, whose records are as follows: Charles W., deceased, was for many years conductor on the New York Central R. R.; Flora A., the relict of E.

Bennett, who was a druggist of Troy; Fanny is the widow of Dr. William Bonesteel, who for many years was a prominent physician of Troy; Robert N., who died while at work in a printing office in Troy, was employed for many years in the Times office; and Joseph K.

Joseph K. Fox received his intellectual training in Owego Academy, and later in the Ithaca and Binghamton Academies; he also took a two years' course at Cazenovia, graduating in 1846. He then became an apprentice to the printer's trade with the late R. W. Roberts of Utica. After the first six months the job office was merged into the Utica Herald, and he worked on the first edition published. He served a three years' apprenticeship, and in December, 1850, came to New Berlin, and, in connection with Rev. M. E. Dunham, embarked in the newspaper business. They established THE NEW BERLIN GAZETTE and conducted it jointly for one year, when our subject purchased the entire plant and published the paper alone until 1894, when the firm became Fox & Willard. Mr. Fox is the oldest publisher in the county; he began on a small scale, publishing a five-column, four-page paper, but it is now one of eight columns, four pages, and is an up-to-date paper in every respect. It is a weekly sheet, published on Saturday, and has a large circulation. Through the medium of his paper, Mr. Fox has maintained a firm and decided stand for all public improvements. He organized the first fire department of the village, and it is due to his efforts that New Berlin is supplied with electric lights, water works, and an opera house. He is a bold,

fearless and versatile writer, and a deep thinker. With his contemporaries he is courteous, indulgent and forbearing with them in their attacks, but when fully aroused he is in his retaliation like a lion attacking his prey. Truthful and conscientious on all subjects with which he treats, zealous in his devotion to principle, he has won a place in the confidence and affection of the people that time cannot shake.

He formed a matrimonial alliance with Mary E. Hugill, of Whitesboro, Oneida County, and three children have blessed their union, namely: Will, who lives at Muscatine, Ia., and is an engineer on the Lightning Express of the C., R. I. & P. R. R.; Florence E., the wife of Dr. J. B. Noyes, whose personal history is given elsewhere in this book; and Lizzie, who is living at home with her father. Mr. Fox was at one time a Democrat, and in 1856 was elected by that party to the office of town clerk. He later became identified with the Republican party, and in 1868, was made town clerk by that party, also serving in that capacity in 1871, 1872, and 1873. For a number of years he was president of the village corporation. We take pleasure in presenting on a preceding page the portrait of this pioneer newspaper man of Chenango County.

FRANK B. MITCHELL is a representative and highly esteemed citizen of the town and village of Norwich, who is now living in practical retirement, his sole business care being the conservation of the

ample fortune he has accumulated by a life of great activity. He was born in Norwich, September 19, 1852, and is descended from one of the first families in the country, and from one of the pioneer settlers and physicians of Chenango County. Mr. Mitchell is a son of John and Caroline (Foot) Mitchell, grandson of Dr. Henry and Rowena (Wales) Mitchell, and great-grandson of John Mitchell, who was born in 1754, and settled in Woodbury, Conn.

John Mitchell was a son of John Mitchell, and grandson of John Mitchell, Sr., from whom the line runs back to Experience Mitchell, who was of the company of Pilgrims who sought refuge in Holland from religious persecution; from there he came to America in the ship *Ann*, the third vessel that crossed the Atlantic with the Pilgrim Fathers, and settled in Plymouth, Mass. Our subject's great-grandfather, John Mitchell, married Elizabeth Sherman, a daughter of Joseph Sherman, and brother of Roger Sherman, who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Dr. Henry Mitchell was born in Woodbury, Conn., where his father had settled in 1784, and was graduated from Yale College in 1804. He studied medicine in Philadelphia, and in 1806, qualified to practice, he came to Chenango County, and settled at Coventry, moving thence after a short residence to Norwich, where he followed his profession, administering healing medicines and friendly counsel to those in physical affliction, and making himself a real public benefactor. He was one of the most noted and successful physicians and surgeons that Che-

nango County ever had the fortune to claim as one of her citizens. He was a noble man, taking part in all good work, and by his example showing many the path to truth, righteousness, and a proper mode of living. He died in 1856, and even now the mention of his name calls to mind a man of wonderful skill, tried judgment, and benign influence. He did considerable work in the building up of Norwich village, and was one of the original promoters of the progress and enterprise, that has since been steadily maintained. The village, where half a century of his life was spent, should ever hold his memory dear, and should see that the work, so well commenced by him, never lags or halts till its entire completion. The death of his first wife left him a widower with six children, namely: Charles; John; Jane; Harriet; Mary; and Maria. In order to fill a vacant place in his household and to provide one who would care for his children in place of their mother, who had been taken to her Home, Dr. Mitchell married Mary (Zellamay) Guernsey, daughter of James Zellamay, and widow of Peter B. Guernsey, and this union resulted in the birth of several children. Dr. Mitchell was a very active politician, as was very natural for a man of his prominence before the public, and was elected to the State Assembly and even to a seat in the National House of Representatives.

John Mitchell, our subject's father, graduated from Norwich Academy, and early in life entered the drug business, in which he prospered and became well-to-do. His profits he invested with discretion and far-

sightedness; his transactions were chiefly confined to Norwich real estate, so the Norwich business world benefited indirectly from his own prosperity. He was active in furthering the growth and advancement of his native village, and in 1863 erected the Mitchell Block, which was for that period the finest business block in the village. His home was the Col. Perlee house, which he remodeled and fitted up in the most substantial as well as handsome manner. This splendid residence is now owned by our subject. Mr. Mitchell was a Republican, but was not quite so prominent in public affairs as was his father, and therefore did not fill many public offices. His wife, Caroline, was a daughter of John Foot, which gentleman was born in Colchester, Conn., in 1788, and settled in Hamilton, N. Y., where he died in 1883. His daughter, Caroline, the mother of our subject, was born in Hamilton, N. Y., in 1821, and is still living and enjoying excellent health, with a promise of remaining many more years with her children and grand-children. Our subject's parents reared five children, who are all alive to-day; they are as follows: Frederick, a druggist of the village of Norwich, and one of the prominent men of the place; John W., M. D., of Providence, R. I.; Franklin B., our subject; Caroline, who married R. Little of Pasadena, Cal.; and Mary, who became the cherished wife of B. Newton of Los Angeles, Cal.

Franklin B. Mitchell acquired the first rudiments of his education in the public schools, Norwich Academy, and at Williston Seminary, where he fitted for college. He then attended Yale University, from which

high institution of learning he graduated in 1875. The ensuing two years were spent in the Columbia Law School, providing himself with a legal education; he was graduated from this professional school in 1877, his diploma of graduation including the right to practice in any court in the state. He then spent some two years in the city of St. Louis, Mo., engaged in the practice of his profession, and then turned his energies and attention to contracting, chiefly in public works, carrying on his operations in the States of New York, Ohio and California. After he gave up this work, he returned to Norwich, and was appointed postmaster of the village, a position he held some five years, after which he served two years as secretary of the Fishing, Game and Forest Commission. Since he withdrew from the latter position, he has only busied himself in caring for his extensive estate, which his assiduous labors have netted him. It is needless to remark that he is most highly regarded as an astute business man, whose record is clean and open to inspection. As a public officer, his integrity and faithfulness in the performance of his duties ever rendered him popular. His interest in his native place has never flagged, though at times his lot has been cast in places far from Norwich; upon his return he easily rose to a place of prominence because of the public character of his services in behalf of the village.

Mr. Mitchell married Helen Sage, daughter of Col. C. H. Sage of Brooklyn, and has three children, namely: Sally, born January 31, 1881; Minot, July 27, 1882; and Marguerite, who was born June, 1887, and died a year

later. He has always supported the Republican ticket, and has been chairman of the Republican committee, and has served his town as supervisor and as trustee of the schools.

BENJAMIN B. READ, an insurance solicitor and a justice of the peace of Greene, Chenango County, N. Y., was born April 7, 1833, in Smithville, N. Y. He is a son of Hiram and Sarah (Ketcham) Read, and grandson of Silas Read.

Silas Read was a native of Massachusetts, who came to Chenango County at an early day and settled in Smithville. He was a prosperous farmer, and owned 2,000 acres of land, being the heaviest taxpayer in the town. He married Lucy Lund, a native of Connecticut, and they became the parents of the following children: Merrick; Polly; Hiram; Clifton K.; Harriet (Chappell); Prescott; and Sophia (Howe). They were earnest members of the Baptist Church, and were very liberal in the support of that organization. In politics, Silas Read was a Democrat until 1840, when he became a Whig and cast his vote for William Henry Harrison. Socially, he was a member of the Masonic Order. Although he received but little schooling, he was a well-informed man, being a constant reader.


Hiram Read was educated in the common schools of Smithville, after which he followed agricultural pursuits until April, 1859, when he moved to Greene to spend his declining years in retirement. He was united in mar-

riage with Sarah Ketcham, a daughter of Benjamin Ketcham. She was a native of Rensselaer County, N. Y., and in 1798 came to Chenango County with her father. Mr. and Mrs. Read were the parents of six children, namely: Alice M.; Elizabeth, who was the wife of Joseph Limburger, by whom she had one daughter, Josephine; Benjamin B., our subject; Henry K., who married Deborah C. Roberts of Greene, and became the father of three children—Carlton, Anna, and one that died in infancy; the sixth child died young. They were Baptists in religious belief. He was an active member of the Democratic party, but never aspired to office. He was a prosperous farmer and a much respected citizen.

Benjamin B. Read, better known as Judge Read, received his primary education in the common schools, after which he pursued a two years' course in Norwich Academy. He then followed agricultural pursuits until 1864; he found farm life uncongenial to his tastes, so he went to Greene and entered mercantile business. He successfully conducted his store for twelve years, three years of the time in partnership with his brother. In 1876, he entered the insurance business, and has been connected with that line of work ever since.

Benjamin B. Read was joined in Hymen's bonds with Mary Jane Hill, a daughter of J. P. Hill of McDonough. They are the parents of two children: Helen, who married E. B. Merriam, a member of the firm of Cole & Merriam, druggists of Niagara Falls, N. Y.; and one child, who died in infancy. Judge Read in his religious views is liberal, but at-

tends the Episcopal Church, of which his wife and daughter are members. In political belief, he is a stanch supporter of the principles advocated by the Democratic party. He has held the town offices of clerk and supervisor. He was appointed postmaster under President Cleveland, during his first administration, and is now acting as justice of the peace. Socially, he has been a Mason since 1858, and is a member of the Eastern Light Lodge, No. 126, of Greene; Greene Chapter; and has been affiliated with Malta Commandery, No. 21, of Binghamton, N. Y., since October, 1868.

MICHAEL H. SULLIVAN, one of the energetic and progressive business men of Norwich, and proprietor of a boot and shoe store, was born March 30, 1857, in the above village. He is a son of Patrick and Mary (Hill) Sullivan.

Patrick Sullivan was a native of County Cork, Ireland, and was born March 17, 1834. After receiving a good education in the parish schools of his native town, at the age of fourteen he emigrated to the United States, and settled in New Berlin, Chenango County, N. Y., where he engaged in the pursuits of an agriculturist; he also followed the trade of a stone mason to some extent. After living there a short time he moved to North Norwich, and located in what is commonly known as King's Settlement, where he followed his chosen occupations for ten years. His next move was to Wood's Corners, in Norwich, where he lived until 1870, when he

moved back to a farm in North Norwich, where he resided until his death, which occurred May 18, 1891. Religiously, he was attached to the Catholic Church, and was one of the efficient and valued workers of that church. He was a member of the first Catholic congregation that met regularly for worship in Norwich, and was one of the chief promoters of St. Patrick's Catholic Church that was erected in that village a few years later. He was an excellent workman at his trade as a stone-mason, and was for a number of years superintendent of masonry on the Utica Division of the D., L. & W. R. R. In politics he had great confidence in the Democratic party, and never failed to cast his vote for that party when a legitimate opportunity was given. He chose for his companion Mary Hill, and they reared six children, all of whom are well-to-do in the various localities in which they reside; they are as follows: Julia M.; Michael H., the subject of this personal history; Annie, the wife of M. W. Dolan; Jane, who married Ed. Quinn; William H., a young attorney of Norwich, whose biography appears elsewhere; and Mary L.

Michael H. Sullivan received a liberal education in the district schools of his native village; upon attaining his majority, he turned his attention toward the tilling of the soil, which occupation he pursued successfully until 1891, when he came to the village of Norwich and engaged in his present business, as a dealer in boots and shoes. His store is located on North Broad Street, where he carries a large variety of goods, and in his dealings with the public he is very accommo-

dating and willing to please, and has succeeded in building up a large and enviable trade. He also superintends his farm in North Norwich, which is one of the best improved properties in that section of the county, and brings him in a snug income each year. In politics he is an ardent Republican, and, while a resident of the village of North Norwich, served his fellow-townsmen as railroad commissioner. He has held the position of vice-president of the Chenango County Agricultural Society.

On March 20, 1888, Mr. Sullivan was happily married to Agnes May Bissell, and they have a family of seven children, who are as follows: Francis; Henry; Mary; Harriet; Julia; Harry; and Charles. Mr. Sullivan has always been a man of sound judgment and good understanding, and has exerted a marked influence in his section, and has become a prosperous citizen as a natural result of his thrift and industry.

DANIEL D. BRADLEY, a prominent business man of Greene, was born July 29, 1828, at Greene, Chenango County, N. Y. He is a son of David and Sally (Ketchum) Bradley, and grandson of David Bradley.

David Bradley, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of New Haven, Conn., but later lived in Kent, Litchfield County, Conn., where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. In 1802, three of his sons, Zachariah, David and Smith, came to Chenango County, and settled at Greene, on the Genegantslett,

about one-half mile east of Genegantslett Corners. Mr. Bradley joined his sons three years later and brought the rest of his family with him. He bought lands one-half mile north of Genegantslett Corners, cleared them, and began farming. He married Lydia Fuller, also of Connecticut, and they became the parents of seven children, namely: Zachariah (deceased), a farmer and pioneer settler of Greene; David, the father of our subject; Smith and Timothy, farmers and pioneer settlers of Greene, both now deceased; Polly, deceased, who was the wife of George Beckwith; Mercy, also deceased, who was married to Dr. Levi Farr; and Orlo, deceased. David Bradley was a true member of the Presbyterian Church. He was eighty-four years of age when he was called to the better land.

It is not definitely known where David Bradley, the father of our subject, was born, but his birthplace is supposed to have been either New Haven, or Kent, Conn. With his two brothers, he came to Greene as one of the pioneer settlers.

Beginning in a small way, by industry and successful management, he accumulated considerable property, wholly by his own efforts. His wife's maiden name was Sally Ketchum; her father, a native of Saratoga County, N. Y., moved to the present sight of Greene, this county, in 1792. He came as far as Oxford with an ox-team, but there he was obliged to give up the team, as there were no roads. It is hard for us to realize the difficulties of travel in those days; we now have the use of railroads over which we can travel as many miles per hour as would have taken

days to travel with an ox-team on the poor roads of that day. At Oxford, he built a boat and floated his goods down the Chenango River to what is now called Greene. He at once set about to fix a shelter for his family, which he did by piling bark along the side of logs. This did very well until he built a rude log house, which was the first house in the village of Greene, and probably the first in the town. It was in this rude structure that he entertained Captain Joseph Juliand, when that pioneer made his first trip to Greene a few years later.

Mr. and Mrs. David Bradley were the parents of six children, four boys and two girls, whose names are as follows: Dr. Stephen K., deceased, practiced medicine at Delaware, Ohio; Chauncey F., who has retired from active pursuits, lives in Delaware, Ohio; Esther S., deceased, was the wife of Daniel M. Layton of Vestal, Broome County, N. Y.; Timothy D., a retired farmer of Cardington, Morrow County, Ohio; Maria M., deceased, married William S. Harrington, a retired farmer of Greene, N. Y.; and Daniel D., our subject. David Bradley reached an advanced age, dying in 1872 on the homestead. He was an old time Whig, and later was a Republican; he served several terms as poormaster.

Daniel D. Bradley was born and reared on the old homestead, and received his education in the district schools of Greene. After leaving school he followed farming as an occupation; he farmed the old homestead and owned 210 acres of fine farm land. In 1871, he bought a saw and feed mill at Genegantslett Corners, and two years later he moved there



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to look after the interests of the mill. In 1879, he built himself a fine country home near his mills, and has resided there ever since. He also owns and operates a grocery store at the same place. Mr. Bradley has made a success of every business he has undertaken, owing to his honest and capable manner of dealing with the public.

Our subject is a member of the Patrons of Husbandry, and takes an active interest in anything that tends to the improvement of farming life. In politics, he is a staunch Republican. Mr. Bradley was united in marriage, January 4, 1859, with Deborah H. Francis, a daughter of David Francis, late a farmer of Greene. Five children have blessed their home: Eleanor S., who is teaching school at Kattelville, Broome County, N. Y.; Mary E. is the wife of Cyrus A. Kinsman, a farmer of Greene; Francis, who died in childhood; Frederick E., who married Marian Curtis of Greene, N. Y.; and George B., now living at Genegantslett Corners, and engaged in operating the mill for his father.

BRADFORD G. GREENE, deceased, whose portrait appears on the opposite page, was one of the honored and progressive business men of Oxford, and was born April 16, 1839. He was a son of Frederick and Sophia (Baldwin) Greene, the former a native of Oblong, Dutchess County, N. Y., and the latter a native of Oxford, this county. Thaddeus Greene, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Rhode Island, and was a hatter by trade.

Frederick Greene received his elementary education in the public schools of his native town. He then taught school during the winter months and farmed during the summers. He was a man who believed in the advancement of educational institutions, and anything calculated to better the community found a warm supporter in him. In politics he was a staunch Whig, but was not an aspirant to office. He chose for his life-companion Sophia Baldwin, daughter of Jonathan Baldwin, and they reared and educated a family of four children, namely: Harvey M., deceased, a physician; Bradford G., who heads the above lines; Charles F., a member of Co. H, 114th Reg., N. Y. Vol. Inf., in the late Rebellion, who was killed while fighting for his country; and Clara C. In religious views, Frederick Greene was a devoted member of the Episcopal Church. He passed to the unknown beyond August 13, 1846. Mrs. Greene departed from this life July 22, 1885.

Bradford G. Greene, the subject of this biography, received his primary education in the common schools in his native town, and supplemented it with a course in Oxford Academy. He then read dentistry with Dr. Eccleston of Oxford, N. Y., and later entered into a partnership with the Doctor. When the Civil War broke out, he and four of his school chums enlisted in the Union Army, to defend the Government and help put down the Rebellion. He was assigned to the U. S. Navy, and was placed on board the ship North Carolina, whose duties were to patrol the harbor of New York City. Shortly after entering the navy, he was taken sick, and for

six months he was unable to perform hard labor, and was placed in the hospital as a steward. After the expiration of his service for the U. S. Government, he shipped before the mast, on an expedition which lasted three years. Upon his return he engaged in the jewelry business as clerk for Coville & Cady of Oxford, and remained in their employ for eighteen years. In 1881, he became connected with the National Express Company, and later he found employment in the American Express Company. In 1883, he engaged in business for himself, operating a coal office, in which business he was very successful.

Mr. Greene participated in village and town affairs with his usual spirit and energy, and on occasions when party politics prevailed, he unflinchingly maintained the platform and principles of the Republican party. He held the office of postmaster under the administration of President Harrison, and served as township collector for several years. Socially, he was a Mason of Oxford Lodge, No. 175, also a member of the E. E. Breed Post, G. A. R., of Oxford. He was a director of the Chenango Mutual Life Insurance Co.; was also a member of the board of education, and took an active part in agitating for a Union School, and was made chairman of the building committee. He was joined in wedlock with Marianna Sisson, daughter of Thomas Sisson of Norwich. To Mr. and Mrs. Greene were born three children, namely: Frederick B., who married Minnie A. Howard of Greenfield, Mass.; Harry M., who lives at home with his mother; and one that died in its infancy. Mr. Greene was a

liberal giver to all worthy enterprises at large, and was never known to turn a deaf ear to true charity. He was a man of broad information and well rounded character, and carried on business in many different parts of the county, always sustaining the character of an upright man, good neighbor and honest citizen. He lived a useful, patriotic and practical life, and died full of honors, respected and esteemed by all who knew him.

Mrs. Greene has always been a bright, active woman. She received a good education, and her bright, cheerful ways have always made her very popular, while her shrewd, business like methods entitled her to the respect of all. Her property she manages wisely and well. She owns considerable real estate in and about the village of Oxford, and conducts the coal business formerly managed by Mr. Greene.

CY. CHAMBERLAIN is a retired farmer and a prominent citizen of Rockwell's Mills. He is a son of Calvin and Wealthy (Demmin) Chamberlain, and was born on his father's farm at Rockwell's Mills, June 4, 1828.

Wyatt Chamberlain, his grandfather, a native of England, came to Butternuts, Otsego County, as one of the first settlers of Central New York, when all this vast section was a wilderness, inhabited only by the wild beasts and Indians. It is largely due to the courage and perseverance of such men

that this region is to-day civilized and highly cultivated. Wyatt Chamberlain became a very successful farmer, and was a soldier in the War of 1812. He raised a large family of children. Rev. Israel, the eldest, was the first class leader of the Rockwell's Mills Union Church in 1819, later was well and favorably known as a minister of the Methodist Church in Genesee County, and for four years was chaplain of the Auburn State Prison. He also edited the *Christian Advocate of Syracuse, N. Y.*, for a number of years. He raised a large family of children, some of whom are prominent in religious circles of the Methodist Church, and one son was for many years a teacher in Buffalo. Of the remaining members of the family, Wyatt was a member of the Methodist Church, and went in the interest of that church as a missionary to Canada; Calvin became the father of our subject; Zetosch was a farmer of Mt. Upton; Joel was a miller of the same place; and Ashley, who was a speculator.

Calvin Chamberlain, the father of our subject, was born near Mt. Upton in 1800, and became one of the most successful farmers of Rockwell's Mills, where he owned a large farm. He learned the carpenter trade and worked at it in the early part of his life, but the latter part of his career was devoted entirely to farming. He was a Methodist and an official in the church for a great many years. He was a stanch Whig and Republican, and was always interested in the welfare of his party. His wife, Wealthy, daughter of William Demmin, a gunsmith of Unadilla, Otsego County, bore him seven children, as follows: Catherine, deceased, wife of Byron

Upton, a shoemaker of Mt. Upton; Caroline, deceased, wife of Benjamin Peck, cabinet maker and undertaker of Rockwell's Mills; Clark, a farmer of the same place; Clarissa, deceased, wife of George Bowen, a farmer of Norwich; Caldwell, a retired farmer of Mt. Upton; C. Y., our subject; and Cordelia, wife of Joseph Morris of Mt. Upton.

C. Y. Chamberlain received his early training on the farm, and attended the district schools in his youth. He succeeded his father as owner of the homestead, where he has 500 acres of fine farm land under a high state of cultivation. He lived on this farm until a few years ago, when he bought a fine residence in the village of Rockwell's Mills, where he has since resided. He has been most successful as a general farmer, and is one of the most highly respected residents of the county.

Mr. Chamberlain chose as his life partner Elizabeth Talcott, whose father was a farmer of the town of Guilford. Their nuptials were celebrated July 4, 1852, and three children were born to them, namely: Ruby A., deceased, the wife of Harvey A. Truesdell of Mt. Upton; Calvin, a farmer now residing on the homestead, married Eva Hoag, daughter of Milton Hoag, a farmer of Norwich, and has two children, Ruby and Mildred; and Jennie, who became the wife of Frederick Winsor, a farmer of the town of Guilford, and bore him one child, Earl. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlain are earnest and consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which organization our subject is a steward. He is a stalwart Republican, and has filled a number of the town offices.

DR. F. E. ROPER is a leading physician of the village of Norwich, where he has very successfully engaged in the duties that pertain to his profession since July, 1896, having received his diploma in 1888 from the Homeopathic Hospital College of Cleveland, Ohio. His boyhood days were spent in Danby, N. Y., afterwards attending the high school at Ithaca, and leading the usual life of a young lad full of youthful spirit. Having acquired a liking for the medical profession in his younger days, and having directed his studies in that direction, it seemed the natural thing to our subject's friends that he should have fully decided upon a physician's career, and perfected himself toward that end, and that his skill and learning should be so widely recognized as of the best. He was born in Tompkins County, N. Y., January 20, 1864, and is a son of Luther and Maria (Egbert) Roper.

Luther Roper was reared and educated in his native county, and has followed farming there all his active life. He is one of those gentlemen to whom the growing population of Tompkins County can point with pride as being a self-made man, for what he has of this world's goods has been accumulated through his own indomitable energy and perseverance, and not as the recipient of any legacy. His school privileges were quite limited, and what he acquired in the district school has since been supplemented by practical information gained in the school of experience. The life of Mr. Roper has been that of a farmer, and his younger years were passed on the homestead, assisting his father

in his labors. He is a staunch adherent of the Republican party, the furtherance of whose principles he believes to be for the best good of the community and the country at large. He is a member in good standing of the Presbyterian Church. He was united in marriage with Maria Egbert, and they reared three children: Dr. F. E.; William E., also a prominent physician; and Mary Elizabeth, deceased, the wife of De Witt Burghardt. Mrs. Roper was called to her well earned rest in 1879.

Dr. F. E. Roper received his mental training in the Ithaca High School. When he attained his majority he entered the Homeopathic Hospital College of Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated from that institution in March, 1888. He then followed his chosen occupation in the village of Deposit, N. Y., for three years, and then went to Colorado, where he was engaged in practice five years. In July, 1896, he returned to his native state and settled in the village of Norwich, Chenango County, where he is practicing his chosen profession with good success. He is a member of the Masonic Order of Deposit, N. Y., and also a member of the Woodmen of the World, of Colorado. He chose for his life-companion Miss M. Louise Wilcox, daughter of W. R. Wilcox, the nuptial ceremony being performed October 20, 1892. They have one child, Reba Louise. In the community, although a comparatively young man, he is highly rated as having extremely good judgment and an experience which stands him in good stead in all the varied duties of life. The Doctor is eminently social. He is a skillful and successful prac-

tioner, combining firmness and tenderness. He overflows with kindness and good nature. His professional attainments are superior, while toward all he manifests a gentlemanly demeanor that has given him the good-will and respect of the entire community.


GEORGE P. RUGG, proprietor of the steam laundry of Oxford, was born July 31, 1845, at Carter's Mills, N. Y. He is a son of Seth and Anna (Hallett) Rugg, the latter a native of England, her parents emigrating to this country when she was eight years of age.

Seth Rugg received his education in the common schools of Milton, N. Y., and then learned the trade of a tanner, which he followed all his life. He owned a large tannery in Milton and operated it for some time, when he sold out and moved to Rochester, N. Y., later to Ithaca, and thence to Georgetown, N. Y., where he lived in retirement. In politics he was an active Republican, and always voted to uphold the principles of his chosen party. He was united in marriage with Anna Hallett, daughter of Richard Hallett, and they reared the following children, namely: George P., the subject of this biography; Adelbert, who married Mary Holcomb of Georgetown, N. Y., and has one child, Maisie; Frank S., married Emily Fancett of Munnsville, N. Y.; Charles married Mary Ryan of Norwich, and has one child, Bernard; and Flora, the wife of George Albro, and the mother of seven children,

who are as follows,—Homer, Charles, Cora, Ida, Newell, Irene, and one that died in its infancy. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rugg were active and consistent members of the Baptist Church.

George P. Rugg passed his boyhood days in his native village, and in attendance upon the common school he received a fair education. He was an ambitious lad and very eager to get an early start in life, consequently he sought a position in a tannery, in which he worked for several years. He then engaged in milling, which he found more suitable, and followed that line of business for twelve years. He then learned the trade of a carpenter, which he continued to follow until 1893, when he engaged in his present business as a laundryman. In politics he is a Republican, and casts his vote in support of Republican candidates. Our subject was united in matrimony, in 1872, with Emma C. Stewart, daughter of Robert Stewart, of Georgetown, N. Y., and their home has been blessed by the birth of two children, Grace and Ward L., deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Rugg are strict adherents to the principles and doctrines of the Baptist Church. Mr. Rugg is very successful in his laundry business and commands a large patronage in the village and surrounding country. In his business dealings, he is distinguished by his square and honest methods, and conscientious scruples against taking the least advantage of anyone with whom he may chance to have business. He is an intelligent man, well read and well informed, and takes a keen interest in local and general matters.


 W. FLETCHER, a prosperous farmer of the town of Guilford, is well known, not only for the successful manner in which he has managed his farm, but for his integrity and straightforwardness in dealing with his fellowmen. He was born October 2, 1857, and is a son of Joseph and Susan (Sherwood) Fletcher.

Joseph Fletcher, a native of Connecticut, came to this county about 1848, settling in East Guilford. He was a tanner by trade, but was also quite successful as a farmer. Religiously, he was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Fletcher reached the age of sixty-one years, passing away July 1, 1869. As a result of his union with Susan Sherwood, twelve children were born, namely: William, deceased, a speculator, who resided at Bainbridge; Adelia, deceased, married William Dunlevey of East Guilford; Gertrude, who makes her home with her brother, the subject of this biography; Emily, deceased; Stephen is a farmer in the town of Coventry; Sarah, the wife of Chauncey Ramsdell, lives in Dunkirk, N. Y.; Maryett, the wife of H. C. Bedford, of Oneonta, N. Y.; Georgia, the relict of William Weller, who was a farmer of Madison County, N. Y.; O. W., the subject of this sketch; and Milton, who is a professor in Unadilla Academy.

O. W. Fletcher received his education in the common schools of his native town, after which he devoted his time to tilling the soil. He started in life with very little means, and his success forms a striking example of what industry and determination may accomplish. He worked hard and managed his affairs shrewdly, and in 1894 he was able to buy 287

acres of fine farm land, upon which he has since resided. He has made many improvements since living upon it, and it is now one of the finest farms in the neighborhood, being well supplied with neat and substantial buildings.

Mrs. Fletcher's maiden name was Mary Gilbert, and she is a daughter of John Gilbert, a late farmer of Gilbertsville, Otsego County, N. Y. She is a woman of excellent qualities, and has contributed largely to her husband's success. Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher are very fond of children, and as none were born to bless their home, they adopted a son, Fred. They are earnest members of the M. E. Church of Bainbridge, and are liberal in its support. Believing that liquor is the curse of our country, Mr. Fletcher became a staunch supporter of the Prohibition party a number of years ago, and has proved himself a valued worker for temperance. He has performed the labors of a good citizen, and possesses the esteem and friendship of all his neighbors.

 WEN L. CRUMB, a prominent and well known citizen of Bainbridge township, is secretary and treasurer of the American Separator Co., and manager and part proprietor of the Bainbridge Express. By his connection with these two important concerns he exerts a wide influence in the community where he resides, and is much respected by the best class of citizens throughout the county. He was born in Madison County, N. Y., and is the fourth and

youngest son of Benjamin and Mary Elizabeth (Maxson) Crumb.

William Crumb, the great-great-grandfather of the present scion, was born in 1696, in a province of Southern Germany, and married a young lady of French descent, who bore the name of Le Face. Upon coming to this country they located in Rhode Island, near Providence, where our subject's ancestor became one of the leading merchants. Their son, Joseph Waite Crumb, born in Providence, R. I., removed from his native place in 1796, and took up his residence on a farm in the vicinity of De Ruyter, Madison County, the remainder of his life being devoted to agricultural pursuits. He brought seven sons and one daughter with him; one of these sons was Hosea Waite Crumb, grandfather of the subject of this notice, whose birth occurred in Providence in 1794, and therefore being only about two years of age when the family moved into New York State. Our subject's grandfather lived near De Ruyter all his life, and combined cooperating with farming. His wife, Martha Irish, bore him three children, as follows: Sarah, who died in infancy; Benjamin Waite the father of our subject; and Sarah J., wife of Giles D. Johnson, who still survives her, and lives in Cazenovia, N. Y.

Benjamin Waite Crumb advanced from the common schools to De Ruyter Institute, then the leading school in Central New York, and there acquired a very good equipment for life's battles. From the time he left school until his death, which occurred February 10, 1891, he was engaged exclusively in farming on the old homestead, and in dealing in and

breeding fine horses. In politics he supported the Republican party. His first wife, Janet Coon, made him the father of two children—Janet and Phineas B. His second union was with Mary Elizabeth Maxson, a daughter of John Maxson, a direct descendant of the first white child born in Rhode Island, who came to the town of Preston, N. Y., in middle life, having followed the trade of a ship carpenter in early life on the sea coast. Four children resulted from this union, as follows: Herbert Frank, who is a resident of the town of Oxford, and has been town assessor for many years; John Maxson, an enterprising and progressive farmer, residing in Oxford township, who has been very successfully engaged in dairying for the past few years; Prof. Fred Waite, the principal of the Bainbridge High School, and a director of the American Separator Co.; and Owen Lovejoy, the subject of this writing.

Owen L. Crumb's early boyhood was spent on the homestead in Madison County, near De Ruyter, the slackness of work in the winter season affording him an opportunity of securing a district school education. His natural taste for books led him, at the age of fifteen years, despite many drawbacks, to enter De Ruyter Academy, where he proved himself a willing and apt pupil, strong in his love for work and hard study. After he left school he taught for some time in the schools of Madison and Onondaga Counties, with the most flattering results. In 1885, when about twenty-one years old, he became a clerk in the store of Charles York at De Ruyter, where he remained a trusted and

most efficient employee until August, 1892, when he located in Bainbridge, Chenango County, and became a bookkeeper for Hovey, Clark & Co., which place he has retained to the present date (1898).

As a business man Mr. Crumb occupies the position of secretary and treasurer of the American Separator Co. of Bainbridge, an interesting sketch of which appears on another page of this work. The Bainbridge Express is owned by our subject and Charles C. Hovey, and is a live, enterprising newspaper with a large circulation. It is a weekly of 10 pages, managed by Mr. Crumb, and edited by W. Edward Miner. The day of issue is Friday.

In 1896, Mr. Crumb married Miss Ama Sturges, daughter of David La Vette and Lucy (Phillips) Sturges of Columbus township. Mrs. Crumb is a graduate of the State Normal School at Fredonia, and a teacher of repute. Our subject is a Republican, and is a member of the board of education. Mr. Crumb is prominent in social circles, and most popular with all who are acquainted with him. He is a member of the following societies: Tribe 274, Improved Order of Red Men; Lodge No. 552, I. O. O. F.; Lodge No. 167, F. & A. M.; Vallonia Chapter, No. 80; and Norwich Commandery, No. 46.

GEORGE WHEELER. This worthy resident of Norwich has reached the calm that comes only after severe and exhausting efforts, and is now securely placed in the high estimation of his fellow-towns-

men as a man of noble parts and enterprising habits. He is a son of James and Eliza J. (Handy) Wheeler, and was born in the town of New Berlin, December 20, 1848. At that early day there was little opportunity for educational advantages, so at a rather youthful age Mr. Wheeler began to engage in the work of an agriculturist. He then followed the vocation of a carpenter under Sternberg & Hall, and was with them from 1869 to 1876. He then established a planing mill and began the manufacture of step ladders, flower stands, and different kinds of tables; he followed this line of business for a number of years, when he embarked in the lumber and shingle business, in which he is now engaged.

James Wheeler, the father of our subject, received his education in the schools of his native town, and then followed farming all his active life. When he came to this county, the country was dotted here and there, at wide intervals, by lonely cabins, and Indians and wild beasts disputed the right to the occupancy of the forests. It is evident that the early pioneers seldom allowed themselves to give way to home-sickness, for if such had been the case, we would not now behold such results as they accomplished in the cultivation of land and the building up of settlements. In politics Mr. Wheeler was a Democrat, and always voted with his party honestly and conscientiously whenever the opportunities presented themselves. He was married to Eliza J. Handy, and they reared three children, namely: Delos; Cyrus; and George, the subject of this personal history.

George Wheeler is a conscientious Republican, and is held in high esteem for those



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manly qualities which constitute the worthy and valued citizen. In 1876 he was elected trustee of the village, and in March, 1897, he was elected to the same office for a term of three years. He is a member and past master of Norwich Lodge, No. 302, F. & A. M.; and past high priest of Harmony Chapter, No. 151, R. A. M. He was one of the charter members of Lodge No. 44, Iron Hall, and is still connected with the lodge. He was united in matrimony June 17, 1877, with Eva T. Bosworth, daughter of H. C. Bosworth of Norwich. Mr. Wheeler is truly a self-made man. Being thoroughly acquainted with the conditions that surround the workingman, he is a fair and good master, and no complaint of unjust dealings is made by those under him. As a citizen and as a man he is public spirited, and high minded. He is an eminent, worthy, and useful member of society in the locality which he has chosen as the scene of his life work.

CHARLES SEARS KERSHAW, one of the esteemed citizens of Sherburne village, and an inventor and manufacturer, whose portrait we present on the opposite page, was born in Madison County, September 18, 1845, and is a son of Thomas and Abbie F. (Sears) Kershaw, and grandson of Thomas Kershaw, Sr.

Thomas Kershaw, Sr., was a native of England and emigrated to America some time during the eighteenth century, locating in the State of Connecticut. He was a wool carder, and carded the first rolls carded in the United States. The English wool

manufacturers, being jealous of his new enterprise, sent to him an infernal machine, which they thought would kill him when he opened the box. But, being a little suspicious, he opened it under water, thus destroying its efficacy, and frustrating the murderous intentions of its senders. Later he moved to Bennington, Vt., where he remained a short time, when he moved to Earlville, near the line of Chenango County. He built a large grist, saw and carding mill and continued to operate them the rest of his active life. He also owned a small farm, and carried on farming successfully. He was president of the first bank in Chenango County, which was located at Norwich. He was the progenitor of a family of eight children, who were as follows: James; John; Thomas; Seth; Marsden; Robert; Simeon; and Mary. Mr. Kershaw gave the ground for the cemetery in Earlville, was the founder of the Episcopal Church, and contributed more than any other man at that time toward the building up of the village.

Thomas Kershaw, the father of our subject, worked in his father's mills and then opened a mercantile store, which he continued to conduct for the subsequent twenty years with marked success. When he sold out he moved to Pompey, Onondaga County, N. Y., and engaged in farming. At his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-nine years, he left each of his children a small fortune. He was married to Abbie F. Sears, daughter of William Sears, and they were the parents of the following children, namely: Thomas D., deceased; Cornelia; Charles Sears; and J. Dwight, all of whom

became popular and respected citizens in the different localities where they resided. In politics he was an old-time Whig, but upon the organization of the Republican party he joined its ranks, and remained identified with that political power until his death.

Charles Sears Kershaw was educated in the public schools; starting out in life he chose the occupation of a farmer, which he followed in the village of Sherburne for four years. Selling his farm he moved to the village, where he engaged in selling sewing machines for several years; being a born mechanic and inventor, he began in a small way to develop some of his practical ideas, and from 1875 to 1892 invented seven different hay elevators. He is the inventor of the well-known machine known as Kershaw's Hand Hoisting and Carrying Car, which he manufactures, and which has been recognized as a standard article. In 1895 he patented Kershaw's Adjustable Chain Link, and the only practical swivel tackle block used to-day, also a rope splicer, halter hitch, Kershaw's Hammock Safety Lock, and many other smaller inventions.

The subject of this biography chose for his life companion Catherine Walker, daughter of Elhanan W. and Harriet (Byington) Walker. Elhanan W. Walker was born in the village of Sherburne, May 27, 1820, and was a son of Nicodemus and Elizabeth (Whiteman) Walker. Nicodemus Walker was born in Smithfield, R. I., in 1815; moving west he followed the trees which had been marked, and it led him to the village of Sherburne. He bought and cleared the farm now owned by Robert Lee, and lived there

until his death occurred, which was at the age of seventy-seven years. He reared the following children: William; Fanny; Elhanan; Ann Eliza; Catherine; and Caroline. Elhanan Walker succeeded to the ownership of the old homestead; after remaining on it a few years he sold it and moved to Utica, N. Y., where he engaged in the grocery business. Later he went to Camden, N. Y., where he carried on wagon making until 1850, when he returned to Sherburne, and lived in retirement until the time of his death. When the D., L. & W. R. R. was built through the village he began buying lots and building houses and business blocks. He was part owner of the opera house which burned. He passed from this life very suddenly, dying in his chair March 13, 1897. He was married October 18, 1841, to Harriett Byington, daughter of Augustus Byington. She died in 1887, and on September 30, 1889, he married Mrs. Sarah Hickok, widow of the late Harry Hickok of Norwich. By his first wife the following children were reared, namely: Catherine; William H., who remains at home; Helen, who married Leroy Wilcox of Rome, N. Y.; Caroline, the wife of Irving Davis, now deceased; and Hattie, who died young. Mr. Walker was a staunch Republican, and served as poormaster of the town of Sherburne for many years, and in several minor offices. He was a prominent member of the Methodist Church.

Charles Sears Kershaw is a firm supporter of the Republican party, and upholds his chosen party both by voice and vote. Religiously, he is a popular and devoted member of the Episcopal Church.

DE CALVUS ROGERS. The gentleman, with whose name we commence this narration, is a retired business man, now living at his home in Norwich. He has been enterprising and successful in his business transactions, and is now enjoying a competency. He is a son of Amos and Rachael (Davis) Rogers, and was born in Groton, N. Y., February 21, 1822.

Amos Rogers was a native of Connecticut; as a child he moved to the State of Vermont with his parents, where they remained for a short time, when they moved to the State of Massachusetts and settled in Berkshire County; he then moved to Groton, N. Y., where he carried on a tannery and engaged in shoemaking,—this was about 1817. In 1835, he sold his establishment and moved to Cayuga County, N. Y., remaining there three years, when he returned to Groton, continuing there until 1847 or 1848, when he moved to Cortland, where he lived in retirement. He passed to the unknown beyond at the age of seventy-six years. Mrs. Rogers died in her eighty-eighth year. Mr. Rogers participated in township and village affairs with his usual spirit and energy, and on occasions when party politics prevailed he unflinchingly maintained the platform and principles of the Whig party. He married Rachael Davis, and they reared a large family of children, namely: Franklin, born December 3, 1805; Amos, April 23, 1807; Elizabeth Mary, deceased; Lucy Malinda, deceased; Thomas, October 22, 1812, and a resident of McGraw, N. Y.; Amasa, December 16, 1814; Albert, November 1816; Eliza,

June 7, 1820; De Calvus, subject of this biography; and Mary, May 17, 1824.

De Calvus Rogers received the very best educational training which Groton Academy could afford. He was from boyhood his father's right-hand man and helper, and remained under the parental roof until 1838, when he went to McGraw, and engaged in mechanical pursuits for four years. In 1846, he moved to the village of Norwich and engaged in dealing in groceries and provisions. He was a man of considerable business tact and energy, and by his straightforward dealing he built up a good and lucrative trade, and each year as the trade increased his business facilities were enlarged. In January, 1848, he built the residence where Hon. George W. Ray resides; selling this residence, in 1853, he built the one which he now makes his home. In 1890, Mr. Rogers retired from active life; he is a man of great physical strength and undoubted courage, a true type of the pioneer class who are rapidly passing away.

Mr. Rogers was joined in marriage with Diana Aldrich, daughter of Benjamin Aldrich of Cortland village. Mr. Rogers was called upon to mourn the loss of his devoted wife, May 2, 1854, she dying at the early age of twenty-nine years. They had a family of three children: Euclid B., born March 1, 1852, is a Baptist minister of Springfield, Ill., and married Jennie Ross; Vesta R., born August 18, 1853, married Charles Torrey, a Baptist minister, now deceased; and Naomi, twin sister of Vesta R., who died young. Mr. Rogers chose for his second wife Emily Edwards, daughter of William Edwards of

Lisle, Broome County, N. Y. Mr. Rogers was formerly an old time Whig, later a Republican, but now is a strong Prohibitionist, and at all times gives hearty support to the men and the measures of his party. In religious views, he is an active and devoted member of the Baptist Church.

Mr. Rogers is one of the men who are chiefly responsible for the fine showing of Norwich village of to-day; from the very outset he possessed a firm belief in its future prosperity, and lost no time in assisting in bringing that good time along with success in his own business ventures. He is a man of recognized able business methods, and has been of invaluable assistance in building up his adopted village. He is a man possessed of acute perceptions, and understands value in realty more thoroughly than many men with vastly more experience. Combining thrift and energy, he has made of himself an admirable business man, a credit to the county, that was the scene of his commercial transactions for so many years.

WILLIAM G. PECK, who is the proprietor of the leading tailoring establishment in New Berlin, was born in the town of Pittsfield, Otsego County, N. Y., June 9, 1852. He is a son of Alvin and Freeloze (St. John) Peck, and a grandson of Alvin Peck, Sr.

Alvin Peck, Sr., was a resident of Pittsfield, where he taught school until a few years previous to his death, and then conducted a hotel there. He also had charge of

the stage route between Cooperstown and Norwich. He was an honest and upright man and was well and favorably known all over the county. He was called Home in 1858, at the age of sixty-five years. His companion in life was Elizabeth Sisson, by whom he had a family of eight children, five sons and three daughters.

Alvin Peck, Jr., was born in the town of Unadilla, January 27, 1829, and received his education in the common schools. He was but a lad of fourteen when his father conducted the stage route between Norwich and Cooperstown, and it became the custom for him to go along to carry the mail. In 1869 he started in the hotel business in Pecktown, a village named in honor of his father, who lived there for many years. He conducted a popular hostelry there for many years, and in 1881 sold out his business and moved to New Berlin, where he had charge of the mail route between New Berlin and Morris. In 1885, he returned to the town of Pittsfield, where he has since been engaged in farming. He has performed all the labors of a good citizen, and possesses the friendship and esteem of his neighbors. In political belief he is a Republican, and has served his party and townsmen in a number of offices. At one time he was postmaster of Pittsfield, and has been town clerk several terms, which office he is now filling. He was united in marriage with Freeloze St. John, a daughter of Hon. David B. St. John, who at one time represented the town of Edmeston in the State Assembly at Albany. As a result of this union, four children were born, namely: William G., the subject of this

sketch; Sarah, the wife of James Perkins, lives in Burlington Flats; Nellie, who married Charles Woodard, a farmer of the town of Pittsfield; and David B., who lives in Montana and is an extensive sheep raiser, keeping a drove of about 2,700 head. Mr. Peck's second union was with Lovina Sweet, and they became the parents of one son, Fred, who lives at Pittsfield.

William G. Peck attended the public schools of Edmeston and Pittsfield, after which he took an advanced course in the New Berlin Academy. The following eight years he was engaged in teaching school in the winters, while the summers were devoted to study. In 1877, he began learning the tailor's trade, and by paying strict attention to his work, he gained enough experience in three years' time to go into business on his own account. He began in a small way in the village of New Berlin, but owing to the good quality of the goods and the neat and stylish garments that came from his establishment, he did an ever-increasing business. In 1886, he purchased the house and lot, which was known as the Conkey place, and one year later erected his present store building in order to care for his large trade. In 1888, he made further improvements by repairing his residence, and now has one of the finest residences in the village of New Berlin. He also has one of the largest and neatest tailoring establishments in the county. His custom is so large that he is obliged to keep from six to ten men at work the year around. These men are all old and experienced workmen, and are qualified to turn out the finest tailor-made clothes. He keeps on

hand a large stock of goods of the latest patterns and finest quality.

Mr. Peck was united in the holy bonds of wedlock with Mary C. Medbury, a daughter of Charles Medbury of Pittsfield, July 22, 1878, and one daughter, Frances Marion, has blessed their union. Since 1877, our subject has been a faithful worker in the Episcopal Church of New Berlin, and is now a vestryman of that organization. Socially, he is a member of the Phoebus Lodge, No. 82, F. & A. M.; and of the Hillington Chapter, No. 224, R. A. M., of Morris, N. Y. He is a well educated man, fond of reading, and is well posted on all current topics and matters of interest to the people. He is a deservedly popular man, and is entitled to the respect and esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens.

WILLIAM C. MAIN, the largest dealer in harness, trunks and bags in Chenango County, who has been in the harness business longer than any man of to-day in the village of Norwich, was born in the above town, July 14, 1832, and is a son of William F. and Submit (Carpenter) Main, and grandson of Thomas and Hannah (Chapman) Main.

Thomas Main moved from his native state, Connecticut, to the State of New York and located in Chenango County, settling on the farm now owned by William R. Breed. Fearing the members of his family would become sick with malarial fever, because of the position of the farm in an undrained

valley, he decided to move to a more healthful situation, and accordingly purchased the farm now owned by J. A. Randle, which was then covered by a dense forest. He was married to Hannah Chapman, and they reared the following children: Hannah; Thomas; Content; Sophia; Joseph; William F.; Aaron; and two that died in their infancy. Thomas Main passed from this earth at the advanced age of eighty five years. His wife died aged eighty years.

William F. Main was born in the State of Connecticut and was but two years of age when his father moved the family and household effects to Chenango County with a team of oxen. His youth was mostly spent in aiding his father in the hard toil of clearing the farm. After attaining his majority he engaged in the pursuits of an agriculturist, and when he had accumulated sufficient funds to buy a farm of his own, he purchased the one now owned by Dwight McNitt, and carried on general farming until 1841, when he sold the property and bought a farm at Latham's Corner. He was a hard worker and through his good management he succeeded in amassing a sufficient fortune to enable him to retire to the village of Norwich to pass life's twilight in ease. He passed from this life aged sixty-six years. Mrs. Submit (Carpenter) Main, who survived her husband eleven years, was a daughter of Noah Carpenter; she presented her husband with five children, namely: William C., subject of this narrative; Emily E., deceased; Harriet L., deceased; Nelson C., who served in the late Rebellion, died in Andersonville Prison; and Chester W., a resident of North Norwich.

Mr. Main was a strong Republican, and always gave his unwavering support to the party of his choice since its organization. He was a most active and zealous member of the Universalist Church.

William C. Main holds a prominent position among the people of Chenango County, and is especially popular and well thought of in his township of Norwich, and in the place of his present residence and the scenes of many of his labors, Norwich village. He received his early training in the public schools of Norwich, and pursued his studies for a while at Rockwell's Mills. At the age of fourteen years he entered the harness shop of his uncle, Chester W. Carpenter, and remained there five years, learning the trade of a harness maker. He followed the trade as a journeyman until 1850, when he went to Deposit, N. Y., and conducted a shop of his own; after remaining there for two years he came to the village of Norwich, and in 1854 he succeeded Samuel Weeden in that gentleman's harness and saddle shop. In 1858 he purchased the business block in which the Brennan Hotel is situated, where he conducted business until 1874. In 1883 he moved into the Baker Block, where he conducts the largest store of the kind in the county. The salesroom is well stocked with hand-made harness and bags, and he makes a specialty of trunks. He employs a large force of men who are kept constantly busy in order to supply the large demand for leather goods. He is the owner of a fine residence, located at 201 South Broad Street, which he bought and furnished himself. He also buys and sells realty to a large extent. He was joined in



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matrimony with Martha E. Demander, daughter of Charles Demander of Deposit, N. Y., and one child blessed their home, Ada R. In politics, our subject adheres to the Democratic party. Socially, he is past master of Norwich Lodge, No. 302, F. & A. M.; member of Harmony Chapter, R. A. M., No. 151; Norwich Commandery, Knight Templars, No. 46. Religiously, Mr. and Mrs. Main are both active and popular members of the Episcopal Church.

Mr. Main is a gentleman of intense patriotism, and loves well the land of his fathers. He has ever appreciated to the full his duties as a citizen and as a native-born American. In business, he is shrewd, upright and exact. His social relations are of the pleasantest nature, and few men stand higher in the estimation of his fellow-townsmen than he. Surrounded by all those elements that make life worth living, he finds with each succeeding day matters of live interest into which he throws the same energy and activity that have been of such valued service to him these many years. In the community no one is better liked than he or held in higher esteem, and every whit of the respect accorded Mr. Main is due and thoroughly deserved.

WILL C. MOULTON is a prominent young attorney of the village of Norwich, who has been engaged in practice there for the last eleven years, during which time he has built up a large practice, that rewards him well for his earnest efforts. He was born in Gilbertsville, Otsego County,

November 15, 1860, and is a son of James Henry and Harriet Hulda (Peck) Moulton.

The family is of Connecticut stock, having come originally from England. Our subject's paternal grandfather received a common school education, and followed the trade of a shoemaker in Connecticut until he moved to New York, and located in Otsego County. His politics were such as were advocated by the Whig and Republican parties. He reared a large family of twelve children, four boys and eight girls.

James Henry Moulton, our subject's father, was a prominent man for his day and generation. He attended the academy at Gilbertsville, N. Y., after he had finished his education in the common schools. Upon leaving the academy he clerked in a store at Gilbertsville a number of years, and then engaged in farming in Otsego County, following that occupation the remainder of his life. He was a Republican in his politics, and held several offices, including those of overseer of the poor and commissioner of highways of his town. He was a member of the M. E. Church, and was a consistent church member, attending divine service regularly until the sickness came to him that resulted in his death in 1866. These were the children that made up the family: Ella J., the wife of C. H. Graves; Rose B., who was joined in marriage with Dr. R. A. Thompson; James H., deceased; Lincoln, deceased; and Will C., our subject.

The subject of this writing, from the common schools, advanced to the Mexico Academy of Otsego County, from which he graduated as the valedictorian of his class in

1883. No time was lost after leaving the academy in preparing for the legal profession, for he came immediately to Norwich in 1883, and read law in the office of Robert A. Stanton, and was admitted to the bar in Chenango County in 1887. Upon Mr. Stanton's decease, our subject found himself in possession of a great deal of business, for by reason of that gentleman's death, Mr. Moulton was appointed as one of the administrators of the estate. Mr. Moulton practiced alone until January, 1895, when he formed a partnership with Ira H. Hyde, a graduate of Cornell University, the firm establishing their office in the Cook Building, Norwich. This co-partnership continued about two years, after which Mr. Moulton purchased the interest of his partner, and has since conducted the legal business of the firm alone. From principle, Mr. Moulton is a decided and aggressive Prohibitionist. He was at one time a candidate for district attorney on the Prohibition ticket, and has also been spoken of for county judge. He is conceded to be a young man of very superior attainments, and there is not the slightest doubt but that he could fill with credit either of the above responsible offices. He has, however, kept himself quite aloof from politics, and is unpledged to any interests save those for the uplifting of society, and the promulgation of correct standards of morality. He has taken his stand for temperance as a principle and as a political measure with sanguine hopes for the future, and confident that wrong and wickedness will not always prevail. He is an active, working Christian, and is a much valued laborer in the M. E. Church, where he has been

identified with the work of redemption and uplifting since becoming a resident of Norwich. He has been superintendent of the M. E. Sabbath-school.

Mr. Moulton married, in 1886, Miss Ruby Coon, a daughter of William H. Coon of Norwich, N. Y., the nuptial ceremony taking place on November 10. Four children have become members of their household, namely: William Connell; Genevieve Rose; Harold Meredith; and Winnifred May.

We take pleasure in presenting on a page in proximity to this a portrait of Mr. Moulton, who is most highly regarded as a lawyer of astuteness and legal acumen, with a brilliant future in prospect.

WORDSWORTH B. MATTERSON of Bainbridge enjoys the distinction of being one of the ablest lawyers of Chenango County, and at present is acting in the capacity of county district attorney, having been elected in 1895, for a term of three years, to succeed himself. He was born at Edmeston, Otsego County, July 4, 1860, his parents being Menzo D. and Deliah (Dutton) Matterson.

Abel Matterson, the grandfather, was an agriculturist residing in Edmeston at the time of his death. He was a native of Rhode Island, whence he came to Otsego County, where he located in Burlington, afterwards coming to Chenango County. He made many friends and was an ardent worker in the ranks of the Whig and later of the Republican party, and was chosen as supervisor

in both Otsego and Chenango Counties. He married Laura Potter, and nine children were born to them, five boys and four girls. The four daughters were all taken from their parents while young, not one being spared to comfort their declining years. The sons grew to mature years, with the exception of Isilias, who died at the age of twenty-one; their records are as follows: Delos W., a resident of Columbus, this county, and supervisor of the town for six consecutive years; Truman I., who lives at New Berlin, who also served several terms as supervisor, beside representing Chenango County in the State Assembly in 1886; Menzo D., the father of Wordsworth B. Matterson; and Nelson of Utica, now deceased.

Menzo D. Matterson was born September 12, 1828, in the town of Columbus, this county, and there grew to manhood, following the peaceful employments incident to the life of an agriculturist. This work he carried on during the greater portion of his life, accumulating such a competency that a few years ago he was enabled to retire from active work and moved to Edmeston to spend the remainder of his years. He is a stanch Republican, and has taken a deep interest in all matters that have pertained to the welfare of the party. He led to the altar Deliah Dutton, a daughter of John Dutton, a native of Plainfield, Otsego County, and a farmer and cabinet-maker by occupation, his last days being spent in Edmeston, where he quietly passed away. Mrs. Matterson was born October 28, 1829, and is still living to bless husband and children with her sunshiny smile and motherly solicitude. Mr. and Mrs. Mat-

terson have but two children, both sons: Ward G., born June 5, 1854, married Sarah Wrench, and is a retired farmer living in the village of New Berlin; and the gentleman whose name heads this sketch.

Wordsworth B. Matterson is deserving of great credit for the manner in which he has achieved his present eminence in the legal profession. His early training was received in the district schools, and was supplemented by a course in the New Berlin Academy and the Brockport State Normal, graduating from the latter institution in 1881. For the succeeding two years he taught school in Chenango County, employing all his spare time in the study of law in the office of O. F. Matterson of New Berlin, a cousin of his father. So well did he apply himself to his studies that he was able to graduate from the Albany Law School, May 25, 1883. After graduating he read law with Smith, Moak & Buchanan of Albany, and was admitted to the bar November 23, 1883. The following two years he spent in New Berlin, and in March, 1886, came to Bainbridge, where he has since been practicing his profession with the most flattering success. Mr. Matterson was united in marriage December 4, 1884, with Ella M. Butts, a daughter of Rodolphus J. Butts of New Berlin. This union has resulted in the birth of two children: Laura Lucile, who died at the age of three months; and Warren B., born March 1, 1890. Mrs. Matterson died February 12, 1898, aged about forty years.

Mr. Matterson is closely connected with the most progressive movements which have for their object the advancement of the pub-

lic good. He was one of the incorporators of the American Separator Co., and is also its legal adviser. He is one of the largest stockholders of the First National Bank of Bainbridge. In politics he is a Republican, and served in 1884 as clerk of the board of supervisors. In 1889 he was elected to the office of supervisor of the town of Bainbridge, and his public labors were endorsed by successive re-elections in 1890 and 1891 to the same office. In 1892 he received the nomination of his party for the office of district attorney, and was elected by a very flattering majority; so acceptably did he discharge the duties of this office, that at the expiration of his term of office, in 1895, he was again elected for another three years. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. In all his dealings with the public his actions have been prompted by pure motives and a desire for the general good. However, in this connection we can not do better than to copy from the local papers to show the high place he occupies in the county, and the integrity and honor displayed in the prosecution of the legal work that falls to him to do.

In the Bainbridge Express, under date of October 24, 1895, we find the following in regard to his record as District Attorney: "The large amount of business transacted during his term, and his wonderful success in the trial of criminals, both before the court and as an advocate before the jury, was fittingly approved by the convention, which renominated him without opposition for a second term, September 19, 1895. Some of

the most important criminal trials in the history of Chenango County have taken place during his term; the most notable of all being the Tracy murder case, and so well was this prepared and tried, that Judge Forbes, in his charge to the jury, used the following language: 'The great fairness with which this case has been tried on the part of the gentlemen who have been connected with its prosecution has the commendation of the Court, and I do not see, myself, and I doubt whether you have been able to discern, where anything has been left undone that could have been properly done in the preparation, trial, and submission of the case. Gentlemen, if you shall continue to discharge the solemn duties which the law imposes upon you in the same careful, conscientious and honorable manner toward the people of this state, and toward the defendant at the bar, whatever may be the result of your deliberations, with your determinations the people will be satisfied and the unfortunate defendant must be content.'"

The Bainbridge Republican of November 2, 1895, contains the following eulogy: "W. B. Matterson. Prominent among the representative professional men of this county, we take pride in calling the reader's attention to W. B. Matterson. Mr. Matterson is a gentleman of sterling integrity, as well as energy and sagacity, and with a thorough knowledge of every feature and detail connected with his profession. His office is finely equipped, and he has an unusually extensive law library. Mr. Matterson is a native of Edmeston, Otsego County. At an early age he applied himself closely to the

study of law, and graduated from the Albany Law School, in 1883, and was admitted to practice in 1884. He practices in all the courts of this state, and in the United States Court. He is thoroughly familiar with the practice of law throughout the United States, and is one of the ablest lawyers in this county; his services are in continual demand in legal cases of magnitude; and he has established a large and substantial business connection, his clientele representing some of the leading people throughout the state. Among the notable cases tried by Mr. Matterson we will cite the Tracy murder case and also the Parker murder case, in which Mr. Masterson acquitted himself with distinction and credit. He has been remarkably successful in bringing his cases to a satisfactory issue. In 1892, Mr. Matterson was elected District Attorney for this county, and has just been honored with the same office for the ensuing three years. Aside from being a most successful attorney, Mr. Matterson is also an enterprising gentleman and is favorably known in social and business circles, and is altogether a credit to this community."

URI VAN TASSELL, deputy sheriff of Chenango County, and a resident of the village of Oxford, was born in Preston, March 16, 1842. He is a son of Parley and Sophia (Daniels) Van Tassell, both of whom were born in the State of New York.

Parley Van Tassell was a carpenter by

trade, and followed that occupation in the town of Preston the greater part of his life. He was a Republican in politics, but not an aspirant to office. He married Sophia Daniels, daughter of Alfred Daniels, and they reared ten children, namely: Laura A.; Margaret; Louisa; Lyman W.; Lawson; Exana; Ursula; William H.; Adaline; and Uri, the subject of this sketch. In religious belief, Mr. and Mrs. Van Tassell were both members of the Baptist Church.

Uri Van Tassell was educated in the common schools of Preston, and carried on general farming until the Civil War broke out; then being inspired by a patriotic spirit, he enlisted in the United States service in Co. K, 10th Reg. N. Y. Vol. Cav., in which he rendered gallant service for two years and eleven months. After the close of the war he returned to the village of Oxford, where he learned the trade of a wagon maker, which he followed until 1885. He chose for his life companion Fannie A. Ingraham, daughter of Isaac Ingraham of Preston. One child blessed their home, Lucretia S., who is the wife of John S. Tracy of Oxford. In religious views, Mr. Van Tassell is an Episcopalian. Politically, he is a staunch Republican, and has served as constable for nine years. He was foreman of the Oxford Fire Department several years; during the year 1895, he served as assistant chief, and is now an honorary member. He was appointed deputy sheriff of Chenango County by Sheriff Payne, and has filled the office to the satisfaction of the public. Socially, he is a member of the Edward E. Breed Post, No. 196, G. A. R., of Oxford. During the time in

which Mr. Van Tassell has been a resident of Oxford he has won the confidence of the people by his honest principles and good citizenship.

JOSEPH WILLISTON DIXON, a retired merchant of Smyrna, N. Y., was born in the town of Smyrna, on the old Dixon farm, now known as Smithdale, November 17, 1833. He is a son of John Milton and Mary Ann (Sutphan) Dixon, grandson of Joseph and Mercy (Raymond) Dixon, and great-grandson of Archibald Dixon.

Archibald Dixon was born in Pomfret, Conn.; his father was a native of North Ireland, of Scotch-Irish descent. Archibald Dixon was united in marriage with Miss Miller, and settled in Bethlehem, Conn., later removing to Rutland, Vermont. They reared five boys: Joseph; David; Thomas; Jared; and Luther. Joseph and David were among those who early offered their service to their country in its hour of peril, and took part in one of the most celebrated battles in the War of American Independence, which occurred on the 17th of June, 1775, and which will ever be known as the battle of Bunker Hill. They were in the regiment led by Col. Swift. Joseph Dixon continued to remain in the army, and was among those who fought so gallantly in the battle of Yorktown, in 1781, where Cornwallis was obliged to tender his sword to General Washington in token of submission. Joseph received his honorable discharge at

West Point, as a lieutenant. He was born September 30, 1754, and in 1782 married Mercy Raymond, and moved to Manchester, Vt.; later with horses and oxen they made a long journey across the country and took up some 300 acres in what was then Sherburne, now a part of Smyrna township, and in the locality known as Smithdale. Our subject's grandfather built a log house on this large tract of timber, and began to clear his farm. Later he built a frame house, the one now standing, which has, however, undergone many improvements since his time. Joseph Dixon was very well-to-do, and by unflagging, industrious work and skillful management accumulated a nice fortune. He died May 18, 1839. Religiously, he was a member of the Congregational Church. At the time of his death he was living a retired life in Smyrna. His children were: Raymond; Abram; John Milton, our subject's father; Hannah, who married William Avery; Alanson; and Williston.

John Milton Dixon, our subject's father, was born in the town of Smyrna, in 1801, and while a young man he helped his father clear the farm, and later bought a part of the original tract, now owned by Mr. Harrington. In 1836 he moved to Smyrna and bought a home that is now known as the W. W. Boyington place. Besides being a farmer he dealt extensively in live stock and was considered very successful. He married Mary Ann Sutphan, who was born in Cherry Valley, N. Y., a daughter of Gilbert Sutphan. To them were given the following children: Charles G., deceased; Mary Jane married George Hunt; Rexie V., deceased; Joseph



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Williston, our subject; Herbert M., deceased; Almenzo K., a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mortimer C., a resident of Smyrna; and Sarah D., who married Erastus Billings, and now resides in Hamilton, this state. Mr. Dixon passed from this life at the age of sixty-five, and his wife followed him to the unknown beyond the grave in her sixty-sixth year. Mr. Dixon was a progressive man, upright and charitable, and was respected by all.

On February 1, 1872, Herbert M. and Charles G. Dixon, brothers of Joseph W., organized and opened a general store in the town of Smyrna, and by honorable dealing built up a very large trade, that went as high as \$90,000 a year. In 1881 Charles G. died, and the firm was changed to Dixon Bros., our subject having become a member, and remained the same until 1896, when the store and business was sold to Edson L. Whitney.

Our subject, Joseph Williston Dixon, at the age of twenty-one, went to St. Louis, Mo., where he entered the dry goods business with the firm of B. L. Harding & Co. In 1875, he sold out and returned to his native town, and became one of the partners in Dixon Bros.' general store, from which business he retired in 1896. Our subject is a single man, and has always taken a great deal of interest in the welfare of his native town, Smyrna. He is a stanch Republican, and although often importuned to accept office, he has never consented. He is a man of high principles, and is known by his neighbors and friends as an honest, upright, Christian man. This Christian character has been handed down for generations. The fathers and

mothers have all set splendid examples, and their labors in support of the religious societies of Smyrna did much for that village and their individual homes. Mr. Dixon has well followed the noble lesson taught by his parents, that no man can succeed without honor and self-respect.

CHARLES W. SPURR. Among the representative and successful farmers of Columbus is the gentleman named above, and it is safe to say that he divides with few the honor of being the most progressive farmer in Chenango County. He was born on the farm he owns, and on which he now resides, March 20, 1841. He is a son of Jefferson and Mercy Ann (Howard) Spurr, grandson of Nathaniel and Hannah (Cummings) Spurr, and great-grandson of Redmond Spurr.

Redmond Spurr accompanied his son Nathaniel, when the latter came to Columbus; the father lived in his new home, and died at an advanced age. He is known to have had three children—Nathaniel, Polly and Thomas, and there is good reason to believe that he had others, whose names the editor is unable to give.

Nathaniel Spurr is supposed to have been born in Cheshire, Mass., as he came to New York State from that town. In 1795, while still a single man, he took up a large tract of land in Chenango County, consisting of 300 acres of timber land. He picked out a picturesque spot near the brook which ran through the farm, and built a log house.

Later he built a frame structure, the one in which Frank J. Spurr now resides. He cleared his farm and did much to influence others to come and settle with him, for he was the pioneer of his section. In 1809 he built his frame house, the lumber being obtained by splitting and hewing the timber with an ax, the only carpenter's tool he possessed, and although the structure was somewhat rough in its appearance, it was nevertheless substantial, and still remains, being an object lesson of the hardships undergone by the early residents of the county. He endured many privations and was an exceedingly hard worker, chopping much of the wood in his bare feet, and by the light of the moon. He was more successful than most of the early pioneer settlers, not only succeeding in securing for himself and those depending upon him a comfortable competency, but at the same time making and maintaining a name for strict honor and integrity, which was a valuable heritage to leave to his posterity. He died in 1857, and his wife passed from this life in 1847. They reared the following children: Jefferson and Franklin, twins; Lewis; Delia; Calista; and Permelia. He was very liberal with his neighbors and assisted in all religious movements. He was familiarly known as Uncle Nat.

Jefferson Spurr was born in Columbus township, and assisted his father in clearing the farm. After his marriage to Mercy Ann Howard, he bought 60 acres of woodland, where our subject now resides, and on it erected a log house near the site of the present farmhouse; having paid for the first 60 acres he kept buying more, until he owned

350 acres. He knew of the hardships with which his father had to contend, and envied the success his father enjoyed, and determined to do as well, working much harder than any of the present generation would think possible; his efforts, like those of his father, were crowned with success. He built the house in which our subject was born, and also a large and commodious barn. He set out fruit trees, which to-day mark his progress, and devoted his full time and strength to farming. His wife was very energetic, and contributed largely to the success of her husband. The early pioneers were exceedingly friendly and sociable. A new comer was always given a hearty welcome. The houses were generally small, but the hospitality of the occupants knew no bounds. To show the generosity of these people, the following incident is related:—Charles Taunt when a young man came from Boston, Mass., and asked for work, and finding him of a good disposition, and a kind-hearted fellow, our subject's parents offered him a home, and with them he ever afterwards lived, and at his death, which occurred at the age of eighty years, he was residing with our subject, Charles W. Spurr. Jefferson Spurr died in 1865, aged sixty-five years. Mrs. Spurr followed her husband at the age of eighty-two years. They reared the following children: Marcia, who died, aged sixteen years; Frank J., who is a farmer on his grandfather's old farm; Stephen H.; Nathaniel W.; Charles W., our subject; Hannah L., who married Leroy Smith; Angel C., who died young; and Alice M., who married T. Avery. Politically, Mr. Spurr was originally a Whig, but

later he became a Republican, and from that time until his death, he was active in his support of the principles of that party. He was a public-spirited man, and was elected township supervisor, and assessor, and held several minor offices. He was a captain in the old state militia.

Charles W. Spurr, our subject, lived with his parents until their deaths, and kindly provided for them in their last days. He purchased the old homestead of his father, and has since remodeled and enlarged the buildings. He has built a handsome basement barn, 100 x 35, with a 60 foot ell. He owns 300 acres of highly improved land, and has it well stocked with 50 head of a very choice grade of blooded Holstein cows, also with a large flock of sheep, which he raised from three lambs given him by his grandfather.

Mr. Spurr married Cerelia Holmes, daughter of Charles Holmes, and as a result of this happy union, two children blessed their home: Myra A., wife of Dr. Charles W. Crumb of Utica, N. Y., and the mother of one child, Homer; and Charles J., who married Jennie Spurr, and who is at present assisting his father in operating the farm. In political affairs, Mr. Spurr is a Republican, and takes an active interest in local matters, and has received many expressions of confidence from his fellow-citizens, having served as assessor, filled out two terms as collector, and held several minor offices. Charles W. Spurr has been a resident of the county since 1841, and in that time has made many acquaintances, who all know him as an honest, upright man, who always strives to do his duty, and fulfills every obligation made

by him. We take great pleasure in presenting on preceding pages excellent portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Spurr, executed from photographs taken in May, 1898.

HENRY D. WILLCOX, an enterprising and prosperous agriculturist and dealer in groceries of South Oxford, Chenango County, was born in Smithville, November 26, 1838. He is a son of Harrington and Polly (Decker) Willcox, and a grandson of Harrington Willcox, Sr.

Harrington Willcox, Sr., our subject's grandfather, was a native of Rhode Island, and came to this county when it was yet in its infancy. He bought a tract of 100 acres of thickly covered timberland, and set about the difficult task of clearing it. He labored arduously, and after a time it was in a good state of cultivation. In connection with farming, he operated a saw mill and did a profitable business. All of the old pioneers, such as Mr. Willcox, are gradually passing away, but their works do follow them, and their memories will be held in grateful remembrance by the coming generations. His wife was Charity Rathburn, and she was a worthy companion of this hardy pioneer. Their union resulted in the birth of eight children, namely: Paris; Charles; Benjamin; John; Philander; Harrington; Caroline; and Hannah. In religious life, they were Universalists.

Harrington Willcox obtained his mental training in the common schools of Smithville.

His entire life was spent in agricultural pursuits, and he became one of the successful farmers of the town. He was a very prominent man, public-spirited, and one who did much to advance the interests of the community in which he resided. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Polly Decker and four children blessed their home; they are as follows: Nathan; Albert; Henry D., whose name heads these lines; and Ann. In religious faith and fellowship both he and his wife were members of the Universalist Church. In political belief he was a Democrat, and served for a time as superintendent of the poor, and filled the office to the satisfaction of all.

The Willcox family is one of the oldest and best known in the county, and Henry D. Willcox is worthy of the name of his grand old ancestors. It was in the common schools of Smithville that he received his intellectual equipment for life's duties and responsibilities. He subsequently engaged in agricultural pursuits, and has continued in that occupation ever since. His farm is situated near the village of South Oxford, and he is one of the good substantial citizens of the community. He has a good farm and conducts it strictly by modern and improved methods. Mr. Willcox is also engaged in the grocery business, in connection with farming, a business arrangement that he has continued for the past twenty-five years.

He was united in marriage with Anvernett Buckley, daughter of Jacob Buckley, and she has proven a devoted wife and a true helpmeet to him. Religiously, they are members of the Universalist Church. He has never

very actively participated in politics, though he has regularly exercised the right of suffrage, and usually lent his support to the Democratic ticket.

CHARLES HEMENWAY, who made an enviable record in the late Civil War as a soldier in the volunteer ranks, is the popular and well known clerk in the billiard parlor of C. Frazer of the village of Oxford. He was born August 6, 1838, in the village of Norwich, Chenango County, N. Y., and is a son of John and Abigail (Hunt) Hemenway.

The paternal grandfather of our subject was born in the State of Massachusetts, where he followed farming all his life. He was the father of the following children: Joseph; Ansel; John, our subject's father; and Betsey, who married John Haight, a native of North Norwich. In religious belief, he was liberal.

John Hemenway was born in the State of Massachusetts, and received his education in the common schools of Salem. He enlisted as a private in the War of 1812, and received injuries for which he drew a pension in after years. After returning from the war he learned the carpenter's and joiner's trade, and followed it all his life. He was a public-spirited man, and was interested in all public movements. By his first wife, Mr. Hemenway became the father of two children, De Calvas and Cordelia. His second wife's maiden name was Abigail Hunt, and six children blessed their union, namely: John;

Charles, deceased; Delos was a soldier of the 133rd Reg., N. Y. Vol. Inf., and died after two years' service at Bonnet Carre, La.; Charles, the subject of this personal history; Electa A., deceased; and Mary, who married Edward Tucker of Oxford, and became the parent of two children, Burdett and John. Mrs. Hemenway was previously married to a Mr. Green, by whom she had one child, Henery L. They were liberal in regard to their views on religious subjects. Mrs. Hemenway died in 1880, at the age of eighty years, and her husband survived her two years, dying at the age of eighty-four years.

Charles Hemenway received his education in the district schools of Norwich, after which he learned the carriage ironing trade. A short time after the Civil War commenced, he enlisted in Co. H, 114th Reg., N. Y. Vol. Inf., under the command of Col. Elisha B. Smith of Norwich. The company took part in many important battles, and Mr. Hemenway participated in all but the last one. He received a severe wound in the battle of Winchester, September 19, 1864, and was incapacitated for further duty for a time. He served three years, receiving his honorable discharge in 1865. He was a brave soldier, eager in the discharge of his duty, and won favor in the eyes of his superior officers and the members of the company, who fought by his side. Upon returning home he again took up his trade and followed it until 1893. He then assumed the position of clerk of the Hotchkiss House, conducted by M. B. Smith. He remained in that position for about two years, and in 1895 accepted his present position as clerk in C. Frazer's bil-

liard parlor. He has a large number of friends in the village, who are fond of hearing him relate his war experiences.

He formed a matrimonial alliance with Caroline Rachel Smith, a daughter of Jeriah Smith of Preston, and one child has blessed their union, Cora, who married Clarence H. Wheeler; has one child, Glenn R., and resides in Binghamton. In local politics Mr. Hemenway is independent, and votes for the man best qualified for the position. He has served as constable and excise commissioner. Socially, he is a member of the Edward E. Breed Post, No. 196, G. A. R.; also of the Kenotah Tribe, No. 105, I. O. R. M., of Oxford. He has been for many years a member of the Oxford Fire Department, and was chief of the department two separate terms.

FRANK E. COX, proprietor of the largest department store in the north-western part of the county, who keeps a full line of drugs, groceries, dry goods, boots, shoes, clothes, notions, etc., is one of the enterprising and most energetic business men of South Otselic, and is a son of William S. and Annis (Tallett) Cox, and was born in the above town, August 9, 1855.

The great-grandfather of our subject, a native of France, upon emigrating to America, settled in Boston, Mass., where he spent the greater part of his life.

Samuel Cox, grandfather of our subject, was born in Boston, Mass., where he learned the trade of a cabinet-maker. In 1810, he

moved west with his family, and located in Plymouth, Chenango County, where he followed the vocation of an agriculturist. He was joined in wedlock with Abigail Holden, a native of Boston, Mass., and of English origin. To Mr. and Mrs. Cox were born six children, who were as follows: James H., a farmer and stone-mason in the village of Plymouth; Sidney S., late a farmer and stone-mason of Plymouth; Abigail, who died in her infancy; William S., the father of our subject; Martha Ann, widow of the late Elinas Blair; and Lucy, who died in childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Cox were both popular members of the Free Will Baptist Church.

William S. Cox was born in the village of Plymouth, September 6, 1820, and was educated in the district schools, after which he learned the trade of a wagonmaker, and followed that line of business in the village of Plymouth for a few years, when he was obliged to give it up owing to his ill health. He then moved to Otselic, where he purchased a small farm and was engaged in the tilling of the soil until 1886, when he retired from business, and is still living in the village of Otselic. In politics Mr. Cox is a firm believer in the principles of the Republican party, which he upholds both by ballot and voice. He was at one time elected overseer of the poor. He is an active member of the Baptist Church. His first wife, Minerva Myres, daughter of James Myres, a farmer of South Otselic, bore him two children, namely: Orville, who died in infancy; and Minerva, widow of the late Merton Tallett. He chose for his second wife Annis Tallett,

daughter of Henry Tallett, late a farmer in the town of Otselic. As a result of this union four children were born to them, namely: Frank E., subject of this personal history; Addie, deceased, wife of Thomas Kenyon; Fred E., a clerk in the store owned by our subject; and Dora L., wife of Charles Baldwin, a successful merchant of Cortland, N. Y.

Frank E. Cox remained under the parental roof through his boyhood days, attending the district school of the neighborhood and assisting his father in his work about the farm. In 1875 he graduated from Eastman's Business College, and in January, 1876, he engaged in the mercantile business in the village of Stanbro; as he was still a minor, the firm was known as W. S. Cox & Son. Our subject eventually sold out, and in October, 1878, moved to the village of South Otselic, where he conducts a large mercantile store; owing to his straightforward and honest methods of dealing he built up a large and enviable trade, and in 1890, in order to meet the demands of his customers, he was obliged to build a larger store. He accordingly erected a three story block, 30 feet by 120, in which he conducts one of the largest and best department stores in Chenango County. When he engaged in business he began with empty pockets, but with a strong will, and being a thrifty, shrewd business man, and by the exercise of economy, he succeeded in accumulating a small fortune. Mr. Cox has a stock that invoices at \$20,000.00, while his annual sales amount to about \$40,000.00.

Our subject's first wife was Arabella Peck, daughter of Frederick Peck of Otselic, their



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marriage occurring September 17, 1878. Two children blessed this union: Elora and Camilla. Mrs. Cox passed from this earth July 7, 1892, at the age of thirty-three years. October 17, 1894, our subject was joined in the bonds of matrimony with Mamie Young, daughter of Gardner Young, a prominent citizen of Pharsalia, this county. Socially, Mr. Cox is a member of the National Protective Legion. He is a stanch Republican, proud of his life-long connection with the Grand Old Party, and has much to say and to do in the guidance of that party in his section.

REVEREND GEORGE S. MAHON, pastor of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church of Oxford, Chenango County, N. Y., whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, was born in Syracuse, this state, February 1, 1860. His parents were both born and raised in Ireland, coming to America about 1848. His father was Patrick S. Mahon and his mother's maiden name was Catherine Foley. Their first residence in this country was in New York City, where Mr. Mahon was employed as engineer, and later obtained work with the N. Y. C. & H. R. R. R. He remained with this company but a short time, when he purchased a farm, upon which he moved, and by his industry and perseverance soon became known as one of the prosperous and reliable farmers of his district. In 1878 he went to Harney Valley, Oregon, and staked out a claim, being among the first to settle in that dis-

trict when the U. S. Government threw that section of land open to the public for homes. In company with his son James and one, Jacob Groondyke, he purchased and operated a stock ranch, which proved to be a most successful undertaking, and one that brought the owners a neat income. He was quite a prominent man in his locality, and known as an upright, honorable man, who had the good will of all. He was a member of the state militia of New York, and a strong Democrat. His union with Miss Foley resulted in the birth of five children, as follows: John; James; William; Katie, deceased; and George S., the subject of this biography. Mr. Mahon's life work ended February 13, 1893, and his wife's some seventeen months later, July 22, 1894. They were mourned in death, as they were respected in life, by a large circle of friends.

Rev. George S. Mahon was ever a devout Catholic, and in early youth determined to consecrate his life to the church, and to that end received a thorough education. He attended the academy at Fayetteville, N. Y., graduating in March, 1878, and at once entered Niagara University of Suspension Bridge, N. Y., from which he graduated in 1883, with the degree of A. B. In the fall of the same year he entered St. Joseph's Provincial Seminary of Troy, N. Y., and was ordained priest in 1886. The year previous to this he was honored by receiving the degree of M. A. from Niagara University. His first charge was as first assistant of St. Mary's Church, Oswego, N. Y. He then was placed in charge at St. Paul's at Whitesboro, this state, his territory including Hol-

land and New Hartford. His stay there of sixteen months was attended with the most flattering success. He was then given his present charge at Oxford, the outlying districts of his parish including at least half of Chenango County. He was made pastor of St. Joseph's Church at Oxford in 1889, and during his ministrations has proved a most zealous and wise worker, hesitating at no hardship or privation that may menace him, if good to the church be the result. Several times has his life been imperiled while in the discharge of his duties, but this only added to his enthusiasm for his work. He is a noble, conscientious worker, and has been the means of accomplishing much good, both to the parish and to the town, where he has many admirers among the Protestant population. His mission at Greene, located about fourteen miles from Oxford, is in a most prosperous condition under his ministrations. He purchased the Episcopal Church property, part of it being kindly donated by that society, and has converted it into use as a church, where regular services are held. His aim is the strengthening of the church and the building up of society, and in this he is warmly seconded by his entire parish.

GEORGE WILLIS QUACKENBUSH, an enterprising and successful business man of Oxford, is the proprietor of a bakery on North Canal Street. He was born in Weedsport, Cayuga County, N. Y.,

February 24, 1876, and is a son of George and Ida (Stivers) Quackenbush.

His grandfather was Abraham Quackenbush, who was a life-long resident of Savannah, N. Y., a prominent man in the town and one of its leading merchants. He was a dealer in meats and vegetables, and became well-to-do. He reared four children, who grew to maturity and became a credit to the various communities in which they lived. Their names are as follows: Eugene; Katherine; Libbie; and George, the father of our subject. In religious belief, they were Baptists.

George Quackenbush followed closely in the footsteps of his sire, and conducted a meat market at Weedsport, where he was highly esteemed as one of that town's good substantial citizens. His wife was formerly Ida Stivers, a native of New York State, and a daughter of George Stivers of Weedsport. This union was blessed by the birth of three children, namely: George Willis, the subject of this biography; Grace J.; and Alfred G. Mrs. Quackenbush survives her husband and still lives at Weedsport, in the midst of a large circle of friends, who know her as a kind and loving woman.

George Willis Quackenbush, at a very early age, became an apprentice to the baker's trade, under Charles Remington, a baker of Weedsport. But he took great care not to neglect his education, as he attended school during his spare moments. After remaining in the bakery there for three years, he went to Jordan, N. Y., whence after two years' work he moved to Syracuse, remaining in that city for two years. He then returned

to Jordan, but only stayed a short time, going from there to Port Byron. February 24, 1897, he came to Oxford, and has since conducted a bakery on North Canal Street. Being an ambitious and energetic young man, he soon placed his business on a paying basis. In politics he is an active Republican. He is a young man, but a little past twenty-two years of age, and has a bright future before him.

PHILIP L. BARTLE, who is engaged in operating a fine farm in Oxford township, was born in Pharsalia, Chenango County, N. Y., May 25, 1831. He is descended from one of the very first pioneers of Oxford township, and is a son of Uri and Hannah (Buckley) Bartle.

In or about the year 1791, settlements were made in and around Oxford, Chenango County, by John W. Bartle, Peter Burgot, Benaiah Loomis, John Buckley, and a number of others. John W. and Richard Bartle, brothers, from whom most if not all the Bartles in this country are supposed to have sprung, came from Germany previous to the Revolution, and settled on the Livingstone Manor, in Columbia County, N. Y. Richard Bartle afterwards removed to the West, where many of his descendants now live. John W. Bartle moved to Oxford with his six sons and one daughter, and, failing by some wrong-doing of others to secure the land promised, settled on the west side of Chenango River at the mouth of Bowman's Creek, some four miles below Oxford village,

on the place owned and occupied by his great-grandson, Irwin D. Bartle, until the latter's death; the property has always been retained in the possession of the Bartle family. There the pioneer ancestor kept the first inn in the town, and there he, his son David, his grandson West, and his great-grandson Irwin D. Bartle lived and died. John W. Bartle's children were as follows: John; Peter; Hendrick; Philip; Andrew; David; and Elizabeth. The first of these, John, was a harness maker by trade, and lived and plied his vocation in various parts of the town, in which he also died. He married a lady named Duffey, by whom he had ten children, and after her death he joined himself with Lydia Tuttle, who bore him ten more. Nineteen children attended his funeral. Peter, Hendrick, and Philip Bartle, second, third and fourth sons of the pioneer, settled on Panther Hill, which derived its name from the fact that the last panther that ever lived in this vicinity was killed on it, and which was near the locality of their father's settlement; Peter Bartle took up his residence where Jacob Buckley afterwards lived; Hendrick, where Cyrus Crandall now lives; and Philip, where Lewis Ketchum lives. Peter Bartle, the grandfather of Philip L., our subject, married twice. His first wife was Tabitha Loomis, daughter of Benaiah Loomis, a pioneer settler of Oxford. This marriage, which took place in May, 1795, was the first one contracted in the town. Peter Bartle was a surveyor, and ran all the township lines in this part of the State. He was born September 24, 1769, and died in Ohio, March 22, 1831. By his first wife he had four children: Annis;

Uri, our subject's father; Caroline; and Lot; all are now deceased. He went west soon after the close of the War of 1812; married a second time and had seven children: Thompson C.; Anson C.; George W.; Mary; Lavina; Rhoda; and Peter. Hendrick Bartle, third son of the pioneer, married Tabitha White, by whom he had eight children; both he and his wife continued to remain residents of the homestead they settled until their deaths. Philip Bartle, the fourth son, born in 1772, married Betsey Loomis, who was born in 1770, a daughter of Benaiah Loomis, and with his beloved wife he lived in unbroken harmony for nearly seventy years, "leaving the legacy of a spotless example." They had no children. Their home on Panther Hill, where they lived a great many years, was known far and wide as a haven of rest for the poor and needy, and of unbounded hospitality. Philip Bartle afterwards bought a farm on the west side of the river, two miles below Oxford village, where he died October 1, 1861, aged eighty-nine years and five months, and where his wife also departed mortal scenes July 28, 1864, aged ninety-four years. In their log house on the sand bank, near the Warn burying ground, so known as it was given by Andrew Warn for burial purposes, was taught the first school in the town. Andrew Bartle, the fifth son, married and settled where Charles Wilcox lived at South Oxford; he afterwards moved with his family to Junius, N. Y., where he and his wife died. The sixth and youngest son, David Bartle, succeeded to the ownership of the homestead, where he and his wife died. He married Rhoda West, by whom he had eight children,

by name: Hannah Maria, who married Benajah Landers, a resident of Oxford, and died in July, 1879, having survived her husband a number of years; Andrew, who lives in Pennsylvania; Newton, a merchant of Unadilla, N. Y.; Philip, of Union, Broome County; A. Furman, a resident of Oxford; Susan, widow of Nehemiah Smith of Oxford; Jay, who lives in Pennsylvania; and Eliza, wife of Captain Squire Morehouse of Deposit, N. Y. Elizabeth, the only daughter of John W. Bartle, married Henry Gordon, a carpenter and joiner and cabinet maker, who settled on the east side of the Chenango River, about a mile below Oxford, on a farm now owned by the Lobdell sisters, daughters of the late Abijah Lobdell, where Mr. Gordon died June 19, 1820, aged forty-nine years. After his death, his widow moved to Oxford village, where she died August 2, 1854, aged eighty-one years.

In French's State Gazetteer it is stated that the first mills in Oxford township were erected by Peter Burgot, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Oxford village, in 1792. However, this does not agree with the account given by members of the Bartle family. Uri Bartle, father of our subject, and grandson of John W. Bartle, the pioneer, left on record the statement that Burgot built a grist mill in the southern part of Preston township, on the farm owned by Martin Quinn; it was located on Mill Brook, usually called Widger Brook, from the Widger family, who settled upon it. This mill was abandoned by reason of the complaints made by the Widgers, because the water set back and overflowed lands, which have since been converted into good meadow

lands. Uri Bartle was also authority for the statement that his father, Peter Bartle, built the first grist mill in Oxford; it was located on Bowman's Creek, about a quarter of a mile below the saw mill on the same stream owned by Jacob Buckley, who finally owned the grist mill too. It was abandoned by Mr. Buckley, because of damages it sustained by the bursting of one of the mill stones, which tore away one side of the mill. It was never repaired.

Peter Bartle married as his first wife Tabitha Loomis, who was born in Massachusetts, June 13, 1780, and died in Tioga County, Pa., where she was living with her son-in-law, Orson Webb, March 2, 1860, aged seventy-nine years, eight months and nineteen days. Of the children that resulted from this union, Annis, the eldest, was born in Chenango County, N. Y., August 23, 1801, and died in Tioga County, Pa., aged seventy-one years. Her husband, Amos Tyler, born in Chenango County, N. Y., November 17, 1798, died in Cheney, Spokane County, Wash., where he was living with his son, John, April 24, 1889, aged ninety years, five months and seven days. They lived some twenty years in Chenango County, N. Y., then moved to Middle Ridge, Tioga County, Pa. They had six children, viz.: Ambrosia, who married Clark L. Willcox, and lived in Tioga County, Pa., where she died some forty years ago; Maryett, now living in Tioga County, Pa., who married Calvin Dibble, and has one daughter, who married a Mr. Ford; Diana died young; Uri married Emeline Bartle, daughter of Andrew Bartle; Warden married Catherine Orr; and John, who went west and married in Spokane

County, Wash. A sketch of Uri Bartle, the second child of Peter and Tabitha (Loomis) Bartle, is given elsewhere in this narrative. Caroline, born in Chenango County, N. Y., June 2, 1805, departed this life at the residence of her son-in-law, Daniel Field of Wellsboro, Tioga County, Pa., in January, 1889, aged seventy-three years. In Chenango County, N. Y., October 25, 1823, she was joined in marriage with Orson Webb, who was born in Massachusetts, February 27, 1800, and died at Middle Ridge, Tioga County, Pa., February 18, 1878, aged nearly seventy-eight years. In 1801, James Webb, the father of Orson, with his family moved into Chenango County, N. Y. In 1848, Orson Webb, with his wife and six children, moved from Chenango County, N. Y., to Tioga County, Pa., locating at Middle Ridge, in Delmar township. In all, Orson Webb and his wife Caroline had eight children, seven of whom were born in Chenango County. Annis A., the eldest, born December 26, 1824, died in Steuben County, N. Y., January 14, 1883, aged fifty-eight years; she married Philip Cook Hoag, a blacksmith and farmer, and had three children,—Elizabeth, Percival, and Chester, all now living in New Jersey, where Chester is a partner in a firm that manufactures badges extensively. Warden S., born October 25, 1826, died October 29, 1827. Wellington W., born September 19, 1828, died in Wellsboro, Pa., August 24, 1889, aged almost sixty-one years; he married a Miss Catlin, and practiced medicine, having studied with Dr. Packer. Lovisa P., born September 19, 1830, married Daniel Field, has a large family of children, and resides near

Wellsboro, Pa. Tabitha A., born October 17, 1832, married C. C. Wilcox, and lives in Tioga County, Pa. Lot W., born October 30, 1834, married a Miss Catlin, sister to his brother's wife; he has been twice married, and is now a widower, living near Wellsboro, Pa., where he is engaged in farming. Ransford B., born June 14, 1838, is married and lives in Wellsboro, Pa. Artelissa C., born in Tioga County, Pa., September 30, 1843, married Edwin Wilcox, a farmer, and lives in Tioga County. When Orson Webb moved to Pennsylvania, he commenced his farming operations in the midst of an extensive forest, living at first in a rude log house. He cleared the farm, and raised and educated his large family. His children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren now number more than seventy persons. His three sons all took part on the side of the Union in the War of the Rebellion: the eldest son, W. W. Webb, M. D., was assistant surgeon in the 187th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf.; L. W. Webb was in the U. S. Navy; while R. B. Webb was captain of Co. I, 187th Reg. Pa. Vol. Inf.

John Buckley, the grandfather of our subject on the maternal side, followed the varied occupations of a carpenter, millwright and farmer; he settled on the western edge of Oxford, on the farm afterward occupied by his son, Jacob, where he died February 28, 1861, aged eighty-nine years. He married Hannah Decker, who was born in 1778, and died July 6, 1853, aged seventy-five years, by whom he had eight children, namely: Cynthia, born September 12, 1801, and died in 1891, aged ninety years; Jacob, born October 30, 1804, and died October 15, 1884,

aged eighty years; Hannah, the mother of our subject, born February 6, 1807, and died March 20, 1889, aged eighty-two years, one month and fourteen days; Peter, born November 23, 1809, and died November 8, 1856, in Tioga County, Pa.; Mary, born June 10, 1812, and died August 23, 1888, aged seventy-six years; Rebecca, born June 4, 1815; and Sally Ann, born June 19, 1796, died in 1875.

Cynthia, the oldest child of John Buckley, married Augustus Bartle, and had ten children; they lived and died in Tioga County, Pa. Jacob, who was a farmer, carpenter and millwright, married Clarinda Hastings, who was born February 11, 1807, and died January 8, 1895, and they too lived and died on the homestead in Oxford. They had five children: Marion L., born March 16, 1837; William P., October 2, 1838; Almeda M., March 6, 1841; Alice Anvernette, October 20, 1842; and Mary Amna, July 15, 1844. Hannah, the third child, married Uri Bartle, April 5, 1826. In the spring of 1833, about the time that Denison was hung in Norwich for shooting and killing a man, Uri Bartle moved with his wife and family from the town of Pharsalia to the town of McDonough, about half a mile north of East McDonough, and there took up his residence on land purchased by him, where he lived twenty-one or twenty-two years. He was six feet one inch in height, not fleshy, but muscular and strong, and had a good deal of push, vim and energy. He started out in life poor, but met with good success, and added to his real estate possessions until he owned 200 acres or more of land, well cleared and well stocked. His father-in-law, John

Buckley, and brother-in-law, Jacob Buckley, built a saw mill for him on a brook that ran through the farm, which mill he ran in connection with the farm. He finally sold the farm to Ransom, his oldest son, and bought the old tavern stand at East McDonough, but kept no tavern or public house. He moved there in the spring of 1855 or 1856, and made his home there only two or three years, when he sold the property and bought a place on Panther Hill, where he lived a few years and then sold out, and bought a farm on the west side of the river, on the river road two miles below Oxford village, where his uncle, Philip Bartle, and wife died. On this farm, where the Smithville road branches off from the river road, he built a new house, in which he and his wife lived until they died. She died March 20, 1889, aged eighty-two years, one month and fourteen days, and he died February 8, 1890, aged eighty-six years, seven months and twenty-two days. They raised a family of eight children, an account of whom is given on a following page. Peter, the fourth child of John Buckley, was a farmer and millwright by occupation. He married Ruth Ann Bartle, born April 5, 1817, by whom he had six children, as follows: John Henry, born June 16, 1839; Byron Cook, born March 7, 1842, died in January, 1868; Huldah A., born November 19, 1849, died in January, 1852; Jerusha Annette, born June 24, 1853; Charles Anderson, born June 8, 1857; and Uri, born November 8, 1856. He lived on Middle Ridge, Tioga County, Pa., and like his brother Jacob, was a quiet, industrious, honest and upright man. He died from injuries received from a fall, that

happened to him when building a mill. Mary, the fifth child, married, September 28, 1835, David Hull Bixby, a farmer, who was born August 30, 1809, and died May 8, 1895, aged eighty-five years; they had three children, as follows: Huldah Ann, born September 24, 1837, who married John H. Phelps, June 2, 1863, and bore him seven children,—Mary B., David W., Guerdon J., Maurice A., Bertha M., Agnes G., and Theodore A.; Henrietta, born November 9, 1838, who married Jesse Bartoo, a wagon maker, September 29, 1858, and had four children,—Kneelon H., Alfred H., Cora G., and Arthur K.; and Helen Gertrude, born April 26, 1850, who married John E. Wagner, November 5, 1868, and has one child, Clayton Buckley. Rebecca, the sixth child, who learned the trade of a tailoress, married Thomas Baldwin, born July 4, 1805, a farmer, living on the edge of Oxford village, and had two children: Mary, who married Charles Bennett, Jr., and bore him two children, Rebecca and Thomas; and Addie, who is unmarried. Sally Ann, the youngest child, married Eliakim Bixby, and lived in Elmira, N. Y., where she died.

The eight children of Uri and Hannah Bartle were all born in Chenango County. Ransom, the oldest child, was born June 20, 1827, in the town of Oxford, was brought up on his father's farm, and went to school a few terms at Oxford Academy. When about twenty-one years of age, he and his uncle, David H. Bixby, bought a patent right, the hydraulic or water ram, for half the State of Ohio, out of which investment he made \$1,000.00, the most of which he immediately invested in more territory for the same pat-

ent, including some of the Southern States. Much of this territory he never went into, for the breaking out of the War of the Rebellion virtually ended the business. He then bought his father's farm of some 200 acres in McDonough, N. Y., but sold it after a year's occupancy, and bought a farm of about 190 acres on Panther Hill in the town of Oxford. In a few years he moved to Independence, Buchanan County, Iowa, where he now lives. He there went into a drug store and banking business with his half-uncle, Thompson C. Bartle, his brother, Philip L. Bartle, and Charles Pudney as partners. Hard times made business dull; in a few years he bought out his partners, and still later disposed of the business, going then into the business of a dealer in all kinds of agricultural implements and machinery. At one time he bought about \$100,000.00 worth of various kinds of machines; hard times, together with a grasshopper raid, that destroyed a great part of the farmers' crops so that many debts became uncollectable, caused a loss to him of several thousand dollars. Now in his old age he is living in comfortable circumstances, but is not rich. On February 9, 1853, he married Martha Newkirk, who was born October 10, 1829, at Big Prairie, Wayne County, Ohio, by whom he had four children, as follows: Addie Lillian, born January 20, 1855, at Big Prairie, Ohio, married F. L. Harvey, a professor in an agricultural college in the State of Maine, and they have five children, three boys and two girls; Carrie Elvena, born April 29, 1857, on Panther Hill in the town of Oxford, N. Y.; Florence May, born May 2, 1859, at

Independence, Iowa, died October 1, 1870, aged eleven years, four months and twenty-nine days; and Edgar Ransom, born at Independence, Iowa, May 6, 1862. Hannah Loania, the second child of Uri Bartle, was born April 9, 1829, and died April 15, 1878. She was married February 1, 1849, to Francis W. Comstock. On May 19, 1861, she married Clarke L. Willcox, a speculator who lived in Wellsboro, Tioga County, Pa., by whom she had two children: Nellie B., born September 27, 1862; and Louis C., born May 27, 1870, now a merchant in Wellsboro, Pa. Philip L. Bartle, the subject of this sketch, was the third child; his life narrative will be given farther on. Rebecca Adelia, the fourth child, was born in McDonough, N. Y., October 3, 1834; she was married February 25, 1855, to Ira Oscar Fish, born December 28, 1830, and had three children: Cora May, born May 4, 1858, died September 25, 1863, age five years, four months and twenty-one days; Oscar Philip, born May 30, 1862, died October 16, 1863, aged one year, four months and sixteen days; Rector Bartle, born October 19, 1864, married December 25, 1894, Margaret Robb of New York City, by whom he has two children—Ronald Bartle, born July 13, 1895; and Allen Hamilton, born May 8, 1897. Peter Francis, the fifth child, and attorney of Des Moines, Iowa, was born in McDonough, N. Y., March 31, 1837. He married in Des Moines, Iowa, March 28, 1866, Eliza Bausman, who was born January 8, 1840, by whom he had four children, all born in Des Moines, Iowa: Bonnie Loania, born July 28, 1867; Ernest Elwood, February 8, 1870; Ralph S., March

20, 1872; and Bessie, born July 23, 1874, died March 14, 1880, aged five years, seven months and twenty-one days. Ruth Ann, the sixth child, born in McDonough, December 21, 1840, died August 29, 1892, aged fifty-one years, eight months and eight days. On March 22, 1865, she married William P. Buckley, a carpenter, who was born October 2, 1838, and they had one child, Jay Burr, born April 2, 1866. Frances Anvernette, the seventh child, born in McDonough, December 22, 1843, married, December 15, 1870, Martin Church, who was born September 2, 1840, by whom she had three children: Cora H., born February 25, 1882, died young; Ransom Bartle, born in the town of Oxford, September 10, 1883; and Ray M., born in Oxford, July 21, 1888, and died October 8, 1888, aged two months and seventeen days. Rexford Alvarez, the youngest of the family of Uri Bartle, was born May 19, 1846, and died December 26, 1871, aged twenty-five years, seven months and seven days. He married, January 1, 1868, Margaret Wessels, who was born October 15, 1846, by whom he had two children: Bertha Hannah, born in Oxford village October 14, 1868, died April 7, 1875, aged six years, five months and twenty-two days; Nellie Irene, born in Oxford village March 26, 1870, married on April 25, 1891, Oliver C. Taylor, who was born March 16, 1870, and has one son, Gleason Bartle, born in Oxford village November 14, 1891. Margaret Bartle, Rexford's widow, married Alvin Hill, December 25, 1873.

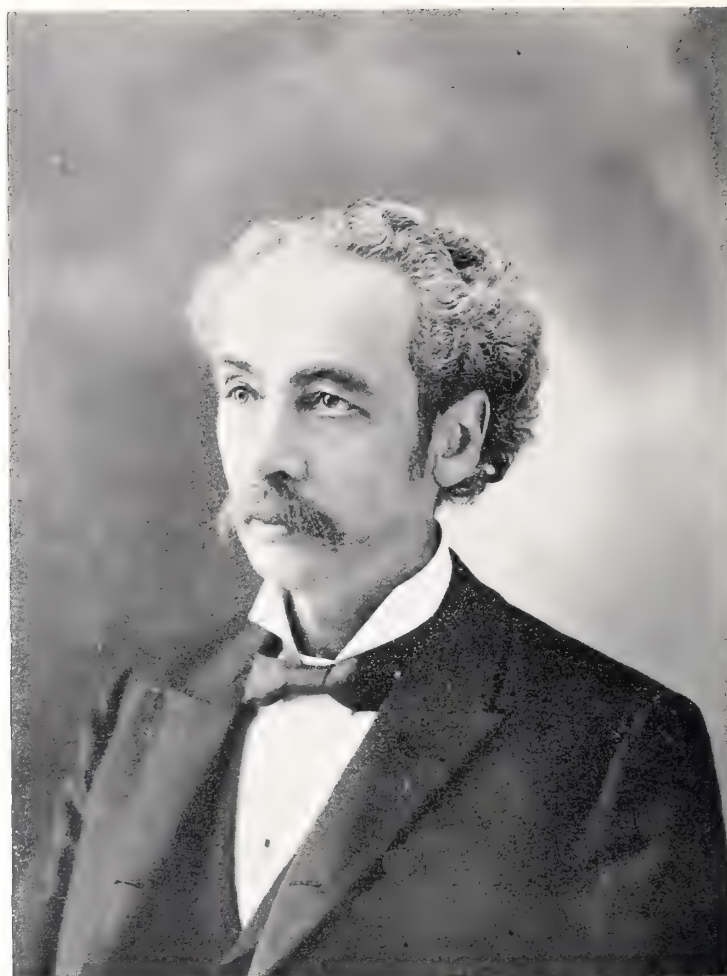
Philip Lot Bartle, our subject, was the third child born to Uri and Hannah (Buckley) Bartle. His birth occurred in the town

of Pharsalia, but his father moved to McDonough in the spring of 1833, where he was brought up a farmer's boy; he ran his father's farm one year, while his father was traveling in the Southern States with his son Ransom, selling the water ram. He went to school several terms at Oxford Academy. In the winter of 1851-52 he taught his first term of school, and it was on Middle Ridge, in Tioga County, Pa. After his school closed for the vacation, he went about a half term to the academy in Wellsboro, Pa., boarding with Dr. Packer, and doing chores for his board. He went there because his cousin, Wellington W. Webb, was there at that time, studying to be a doctor. He then returned to Oxford and McDonough, worked on a farm summers, went to school falls, and taught school several winters. He was elected town superintendent of schools one year in McDonough, receiving a greater majority of votes than any other officer elected on the winning ticket. He went from Oxford to Ohio in the fall of 1856. He made a visit with his brother Ransom's wife's folks at Big Prairie, Wayne County, Ohio, and then went to Almon Aylsworth's, Ransom's brother-in-law, place six miles west of Columbus on the great macadamized road. The next winter he taught school in a new school house just finished near Mr. Aylsworth's. The next spring, in 1857, he went on west to Independence, Buchanan County, Iowa, where he stopped with his half-uncle, Thompson C. Bartle, a man six feet and seven inches in height, and well proportioned. During the winters he taught school, and in the summers

busied himself at various employments. One summer he was with surveyors on a railroad that was being built in that vicinity. He taught one summer term of school in a church building. For a few years he was a partner in a drug store and banking business, his interest in which he sold to his brother, Ransom, and in the spring of 1863 returned to his father's place, who was then living on Panther Hill, stopping on the way at Wellsboro, Pa., to visit his sister, Mrs. Clarke L. Willcox and other relatives living near there. He had been gone from home for six and a half years. The winters of 1863-64 and 1864-65 he taught school, and brought to a conclusion his work as pedagogue, having taught in all thirteen terms. He bought a farm of 190 acres of his father, the property being located on Panther Hill, the estate formerly owned by his brother Ransom, and let this farm for one year, ending March 1, 1865, to Lora Ward. On February 22, 1865, he married Susan Nicholson, who was born in McDonough, N. Y., September 25, 1836, a daughter of John and Roby (Steere) Nicholson.

John Nicholson was born in Stonington, Conn., March 21, 1793, and lived in McDonough most of his life, dying there April 7, 1863, aged seventy years and sixteen days. He was a Baptist minister. His wife, Roby Steere, was born January 17, 1798, and died October 8, 1840, aged forty years, eight months and twenty-two days. By her he had ten children: Anna, born February 9, 1815, died March 8, 1868; Israel Palmer, born January 5, 1817, died July 5, 1878; Rufus T., born November 13, 1818, deceased;

Julia Ann, born September 6, 1819, deceased; Electa, born March 11, 1822, died September 20, 1890; Lucy Ann, born July 22, 1827; John Tracy, born November 4, 1829; Lois Delilah, born June 22, 1830; William Martin, born October 29, 1833; and Susan, the wife of our subject, whose birth has already been chronicled. On February 8, 1841, John Nicholson married for his second wife Mrs. Mary Webb, widow of Sylvester Webb, who died December 14, 1839, and by her he had three children, namely: Henry Allen, born August 20, 1842; Catherine Elizabeth, born July 16, 1844, died November 16, 1878; and Daniel Norris, born January 30, 1847. When he married Mrs. Webb, she already had by her first marriage two children: Mary Emily, born December 1, 1835, who became the wife of Leroy Brown, September 8, 1853; and Betsy, born September 8, 1837, who married Windsor Baldwin, January 1, 1861. Anna Nicholson, the eldest daughter and child of John, married Edward Calvert. Israel P. married Maria S. Thompson, and had one child, Roby Almira. Electa became the wife of Nathan Lewis, and bore him eight children: Nathan Davis; Nancy Ursula; Nelson Ray; Norman Anson; Hiram Mason; Martha Ann; John; and Mancel. Lucy Ann married Chauncey Hill, and had two children;—Helen Maria and Thomas Bird. John Tracy married Phoebe Thorp, by whom he had three children: Mary Elizabeth; Susan Ida; and Minnie Belle. Lois S. married Lewis A. Rathbun, and had eight children, as follows: Anna Lucetta; Lucy Augusta; John Ansel; Flora; George; Julia; Jennie; and Mary Victoria. After the death of her



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husband, she married Rev. L. Dexter Howe, with whom she is now living, about two miles east of Smithville Flats. William M. married Rozilla Lamb, by whom he had four children: Albert Clarke; George; Lovisa; and John Ray. They now live in Ketchumville, Tioga County, N. Y. Henry A. married Maria Wales, by whom he had one son, Charles Ensign, who is now in the grocery and milk business in Hyde Park, Mass. Catherine E., March 28, 1861, married Lewis N. Simpson, who was born February 11, 1842, and has three children, as follows: Carrie E., born in McDonough, April 30, 1864; Lewis Mertalow, born in Preston, N. Y., January 10, 1867; and Lottie, born in Norwich, N. Y., November 24, 1876, and died August 26, 1877. Daniel N., a clothier and furrier of Burlington, Vt., married, October 7, 1873, at Plattsburg, N. Y., Lottie F. Phillips, who was born in New York City, July 6, 1854; they have one child, Ida Fray, born October 21, 1876, in Burlington, Vt.

After our subject's marriage with Susan Nicholson, he on March 1, 1865, moved on his farm, which he successfully conducted for five years, when on account of a lame knee, caused by a wrench or strain, he leased his farm to James W. Warn for a year, and hired for his own use a house of Charles Stratton for a year. In the summer of that year (1870) he went to Iowa to visit his brothers, Ransom at Independence, and Peter F. at Des Moines, and other acquaintances. The next spring, in 1871, he bought a place in Oxford village, on Buttler Street, then called New State Street, containing five acres of land, purchasing it of Warren

Eaton. He moved on the property about the middle of April, and has lived there ever since, altogether at this writing a term of twenty-seven years. He rented his farm to H. C. Manzer, who remained on it for thirteen years; his present renter, John M. Crumb, is now occupying it for the eleventh year. The eldest son of our subject, Fred Wilcox, born on Panther Hill, in the town of Oxford, N. Y., January 8, 1866, married, July 6, 1888, Mary Camilla Hovey, who was born in Guilford, this county, November 2, 1867, by whom he had three children, namely: Albert Elery, born April 19, 1890, and died August 28, 1890, aged four months and nine days; Carrie Bell, born April 7, 1891, died April 9, 1895, aged four years and two days; and John Ransom, born May 23, 1896. The remaining members of the family born to our subject and wife are as follows: Elmer Philip, born on Panther Hill, March 24, 1867; Chester Uri, born in Oxford village, December 2, 1871; Cora Hannah, born in Oxford village, May 23, 1876, died September 7, 1877, aged one year, three months and fifteen days; Erma Loania, born January 30, 1878; and Anna Louise, born January 29, 1880.

DELOS L. ATKYNS, one of Chenango County's highly esteemed citizens, and one of her most distinguished attorneys, was born in the town of Pharsalia, this county, September 30, 1840, and is a son of William S. and Eunice (Bab-

cock) Atkins, and grandson of Asahel Atkins.

Joseph Atkins, who was the father of Asahel, and who served in the Revolutionary War, came from Farmington, Conn., his native state, to Chenango County about 1810, and settled in the town of Smyrna, where he purchased a large tract of land, and engaged in farming. His farm was covered with a dense forest, and with the aid of his three sons, Joel, Joseph and Asahel, the farm was cleared, and is to-day one of the thrifty farms of that town. Asahel Atkins became a practical farmer, although the earlier part of his life was spent in teaching school; he aided materially in the securing of the erection of the first Presbyterian Church in Plymouth village, of which he became a deacon. He was twice married; his first wife bore him five children: Charles D.; Fordyce; Selma; William S.; and Aaron G. As a result of his second marriage, four children were reared, who were as follows—Mary; Sarah; Eliza; and Alvira.

William S. Atkins, the father of our subject, was born in Farmington, Conn., December 8, 1805. He was but a small boy when his father moved to Chenango County, and was reared to follow the pursuits of an agriculturist; attaining his majority he purchased a farm in Pharsalia (now owned by Mr. Fairbanks), joining the one owned by his father, and farmed his property judiciously and well, and by the exercise of economy saved his hard earnings, and later purchased the farm then owned by his father. He was one of the energetic and progressive farmers of his day, and was an honor to his chosen vocation.

He was a man who took pride in the maxim that "His word is as good as his bond." He married Miss Eunice Babcock, a daughter of Lodowick Babcock. She was born at Stonington, Conn., in April, 1811, and died in 1889. Mr. Atkins died in 1883 at the age of seventy-eight years. Their family consisted of the following children, only two of whom are living: George H., deceased, was a soldier for three years in the late Rebellion and was a corporal; Pluma, who died in 1890, was the wife of H. T. Robbins; Delos L., the subject of this personal history; and James Carlos, who resides in Pharsalia, and is an esteemed and prosperous farmer.

Delos L. Atkins assisted his parents on the farm, and only had the advantages of a district school education, and district schools in those days were not the most perfect institutions. There was nothing then in his character to indicate the brilliant career upon which he was about to enter. He was a plain farmer's boy, good looking, intelligent and kind-hearted. Inspired with a lofty ambition, and conscious of his own powers, he pursued his studies with indefatigable industry. He entered the law-office of Rexford & Kingsley at Norwich, and, after a short term of study, was admitted to the bar as an attorney and counselor of the Supreme Court in 1864. In October of the same year he moved to Sherburne, where he began the practice of his profession. His elevation of character, his untiring industry, his legal acquirements, and his skill as an advocate, gradually attracted attention, and eventually secured him a large clientage. His office is well furnished, and has a well selected and

valuable library of over 3,000 volumes, the first half dozen of which were paid for by chopping wood at thirty cents per cord. Mr. Atkyns has had many students study under him and follow his instruction, some of whom are to-day noted lawyers in various cities. Some of them are as follows: Robert A. Kurschbach of New York City; M. Van Buren of Denver, Col.; Delos D. Jaynes of Detroit, Mich.; George P. Pudney of Smyrna, N. Y.; the late Ernest C. Dart of Earlville, N. Y.; and Bartholomew A. Stack, now a Catholic priest at Camillus, N. Y. Our subject has assisted in the prosecution of many murder cases in the county, and, with the exception of one acquittal, there has always been a conviction in the first or second degree; he has also assisted in capital cases in other counties, and to-day has one of the largest practices of any attorney in Chenango County. In 1876, Mr. Atkyns was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary C. Sholes of La Salle, Illinois, and two children have blessed their home, namely: Duane L., born September 25, 1877, who is a student in his father's office; and Paul W., born August 16, 1880, a student in Sherburne Academy.

Although he has never taken a very active part in politics, Mr. Atkyns has always voted with the Republican party. He has several times refused to accept the nomination for district attorney of his county, because of the arduous duties of that office, and the small compensation paid therefor. For the past twenty years he has been a member and secretary of the board of education of Sherburne Academy, and since 1895 has been

president of the above board. The publishers of this volume of biographical records present a portrait of Mr. Atkyns on a preceding page, in connection with this sketch of his life.

WILLIAM P. CHAPMAN, of Norwich, until recently was proprietor of the largest dry goods house in Chenango County, which was one of the first to be established in this county. He is now senior member of The Chapman & Turner Co., which now has charge of the old trade, and is building up a large business in addition. He is a son of Rev. Charles and Elizabeth H. (Porter) Chapman, and was born December 23, 1836, in Walton, Delaware County, N. Y.

William Chapman, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of Saybrook, Conn., and served as a captain in the colonial army. He took an active part in many hotly contested engagements, chief of which was the battle of Long Island. His wife's maiden name was Jones, and they reared eleven children, the youngest being Rev. Charles, the father of our subject.

Rev. Charles Chapman was a man of superior educational attainments. He was prepared for college in the public schools at Catskill, after which he entered Hamilton College and took a full four years' course. After graduating from that institution, he was prepared for the ministry at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Auburn, N. Y. He was ordained a minister at twenty-four years of age, and for the following fifty

years was continuously engaged in ministerial work. He was a man of pleasing address, strong in his convictions, fearless in his expression of them, and held the attention of his congregations at all times. He had a deep influence over his parishioners, and won many souls to the Standard of the Cross. He retired from active life at the age of seventy-nine years to pass the remainder of his career in the peace and quiet of home life. Four years later his beautiful life was spent and he passed to his eternal reward. He was united in marriage with Elizabeth H. Porter, and the following children blessed their home: Caroline Elizabeth; William P., the subject of this personal history; Mary E., the wife of Moreau Newcomb, deceased; Sarah; and Charles B., who is a clerk in our subject's store. Mrs. Chapman was a granddaughter of Levi Hanford, a soldier of the Revolution, and a great-granddaughter of Gen. Mead, of Revolutionary fame. She attained the age of eighty-six years, and to the last her intellect was not the least impaired, and she was bright and active as one many years younger. Benjamin, an older brother of Rev. Charles Chapman, was born in Saybrook, Conn., and at an early age came to Norwich and clerked for Judge Charles York, one of the first merchants of the village, and a former owner of the store now conducted by our subject. After remaining in the employ of Judge York for a few years, Benjamin Chapman bought the store and conducted it for fifty years. He was succeeded by his son William H., who later was associated in business with our subject. He took as his companion

in life Eliza Hayes, by whom he had the following children: Benjamin D., who died in infancy; Mary D., who died when aged about forty-seven years; Harriett S.; and William H., who is living a retired life in New York City.

William P. Chapman received his intellectual training for life's battles in the Franklin Academy, Delaware County, after which he began clerking in a dry goods store in Meredith, N. Y., at the age of fourteen. He soon came to Norwich and clerked for his cousin, William H. Chapman. Later he became a partner in the firm, and in 1880 became the sole owner. After buying out his partner's interest, he enlarged the store and carried double the amount of stock as formerly. For many years he carried a line of groceries and ready made clothing, but later sold the stock in these departments, and handled dry goods, carpets, boots and shoes, etc. By his honorable dealings and prompt attention to business he established a large trade in the village and country for many miles around, thus making it necessary to employ a large number of clerks. In 1898, Mr. Chapman and his son, R. Curtis, formed a partnership with J. B. Turner, formerly of the firm of Turner, Reed & Co., and they expect to occupy new quarters, a short distance north of the store where Mr. Chapman formerly conducted business, by July 1, 1898, and enter upon a prosperous career as The Chapman & Turner Co.

He formed a matrimonial alliance with Mary E. Curtis, a daughter of Roswell and Polly M. (Hale) Curtis. Roswell Curtis was a native of Madison County, and came to



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Norwich when he was a young man. His trade was that of a tailor, but he later became one of the largest commission merchants in the county, shipping produce extensively to New York City. He also dealt in flour, feed, and coal, and owned canal boats and a warehouse. He had two children, namely: Mary E., the wife of our subject; and William R. As a result of their union, Mr. and Mrs. Chapman became the parents of three children, whose records are as follows: William P. is a graduate of Cornell University, and is now practicing law in New York City; Mary died in infancy; and R. Curtis, a graduate of Cornell University, who is now a member of The Chapman & Turner Co., successors to W. P. Chapman, and dealers in dry goods, carpets, boots and shoes, and kindred domestic furnishings and wearing apparel. They are earnest members of the Congregational Church. Mr. Chapman is an unswerving Republican, and has served as trustee and treasurer of the village of Norwich. He is a public-spirited man with the interest of the village at heart, and has done much to make him a popular and respected citizen.

COLONEL MOSES GAYLORD BENJAMIN, one of the early residents and merchants of the town of Bainbridge, Chenango County, became a resident of this section in 1823, and died in Bainbridge January 18, 1833. He was a man of excellent parts, enterprising and vigorous in the prosecution of business, and left an im-

press on the township that over half a century has not obliterated. In religious, political and social circles he was also a power, and recognized as such. His birth occurred in South Egremont, Mass., July 5, 1794.

John Benjamin, Esq., Gentleman, as he is styled in the early colonial records, was the first of the family to come to America. It has been indubitably shown that he belonged to the "Landed Gentry of England," and Burke is authority for it. That writer also states in his book of the above mentioned title that the name was originally Barrington or Berryington. He was born in Wales, in 1598; he left Milford Haven, Wales, and made the journey to the New World in the vessel "Lion," with Sir Richard Saltonstall, Gov. Winthrop, and Roger Williams, and arrived September 16, 1632, at Boston. John Benjamin, Gent., at once proceeded with Sir Richard Saltonstall to Cambridge, founded the year before, where he built a house, that was burned but a few years ago. He entered heartily into the life of the settlement, was made a freeman of the colony November 6, 1632, and was made the first bailiff, at that time a position equivalent to our title of Mayor. He possessed the largest library in the colony, and was an intimate friend of Gov. Winthrop. His will is recorded in probate court in Boston. The part of Cambridge where he lived has since been divided and called Watertown. To the family belongs a coat-of-arms, with insignia that indicate that some of the family took part in the Crusades. It was found with the motto "Poussez en avant" ("Push Forward")

in a book, in which it had lain unnoticed for over a century and a half. It was bestowed at the battle of Shrewsbury, 1403, for bravery in defending Prince Henry in that bloody conflict with the rebels. Following is the description: Or, on a saltire quarterly pierced sa, five annulets counterchanged; Motto,—Poussez en avant; Crest,—on a chapeau, a flame of fire, all purple. Gov. Winthrop writes of him in substance as follows: The house of John Benjamin, Gent., (noted above as destroyed by fire) was unsurpassed in elegance and provisions for comfort by any in the vicinity; it was the mansion of intelligence, refinement, religion and hospitality, visited by the clergy of all denominations, and by the *literati* from far and near. His wife, Abigail Eddy, was born in England in 1600, and died May 20, 1687, aged eighty-seven years. She was a daughter of Rev. William Eddy, vicar of Cranbrook, County of Kent, St. Dunstan's Church, from 1589 to 1616. The name Eddy or Eddye was found in the Dooms-Day Book of England, showing the ancestry goes back to the time of William the Conqueror. John Benjamin, Gent., died in Watertown, June 14, 1645, aged forty-seven years. Of his eight children, four were born in Wales and four in this country.

The fifth and eldest son of the preceding gentleman, born in this country, was Joseph Benjamin, who entered upon this life in Watertown in 1634. On June 10, 1661, he married Jemima Lombard at Barnstable, Mass., and then removed to Preston, Conn., where he died, leaving seven children and widow, Sarah, his second wife. His oldest

son, Joseph, was born in 1664, and married Elizabeth Coke of Preston, Conn., August 25, 1698. He died in June, 1738, aged seventy-four years. His wife, Elizabeth, survived him a number of years. The next in the line of descent to our subject was the eldest son of the preceding, who was also named Joseph. He was born in 1699, and married Deborah Clark of Preston, Conn., April 3, 1722; Deborah (Clark) Benjamin died at her son Nathan's house in Egremont, Mass. Nathan Benjamin, the seventh son of Joseph Benjamin, named last, was born in Preston, Conn., April 19, 1737. He was a private in Ashley's Regiment, Berkshire, Mass., Militia, and during the Revolutionary War was called into service at Bennington and Stillwater. About 1755 he moved to Egremont, Mass., and obtained the charter for the town of Mt. Washington, Mass., from the Massachusetts Legislature, in the year 1774. In 1761 he married his first wife, Abigail Dibble, who was born in the year 1741, and who died September 7, 1772, aged thirty-one years, receiving interment in Shutt's Burying Ground, Mt. Washington. He married for his second wife, in 1774, Hannah Wells, who survived him, and after his decease married Dr. Hopkins of Great Barrington. She died in East Bloomfield, N. Y., and was buried in the north-east corner of the old burying ground. Nathan Benjamin died July 1, 1785, aged forty-nine years, and was buried in the Cemetery of Egremont, Mass.

Joseph Benjamin, son of Nathan Benjamin, just mentioned, and father of our subject, was born at South Egremont, Mass., July 1, 1763, and died May 17, 1803. He married in

Stratford, Conn., Susanna Gaylord, October 12, 1788; she was born May 19, 1766, and survived her husband, being twice married. Joseph Benjamin served in the War of Independence, and took part in the suppression of Shay's Rebellion, attaining by reason of his eminent services the rank of Major. The first one of the Gaylords (or Gaillard, as formerly spelled) to come to America was William Gaylord, who emigrated from Devonshire, England, in 1630, and located in Dorchester. The first Gaillards came from the north of France. He signed the first land grants in Dorchester, and his own grant was recorded in 1633. He was a Selectman, and a Representative to General Court in 1638. He removed to Windsor, Conn., where he was for forty sessions in the General Assembly, and died in 1643.

The subject of this sketch married Sophia Adelia Chittenden of Guilford, Conn., daughter of Dr. Ambrose and Sylvia (Watrous) Chittenden, November 20, 1817. He moved to Unadilla, N. Y., soon after his marriage, and went into business with Abial Williams; in 1823, he became a resident and merchant of the town of Bainbridge, this county, engaging in a general mercantile business with Dexter Newell. His title of Colonel was gained by his service in the militia in Unadilla and Bainbridge. He was one of the Episcopal Church founders of Bainbridge, the first organization of the church having been made in 1827. Our subject's wife came from a family of almost as long a residence in this country as our subject's own. William Chittenden, who came to this country in 1639, was from Cranbook, in

Kent, not far from London, Eng. He was a soldier in the English Army, and reached the rank of Major. He was a man of superior ability, and wielded great influence; he was Magistrate of the plantation and deputy to the General Court until his death. His property, which he selected 240 years ago, is still in possession of some one of his descendants, and shows the eye of the old soldier and man of the world, for it is the most beautiful of all the Guilford sites. His wife, Joanna Sheaffe, was descended from the ancient royal line of Scotland. Sergeant John Chittenden, son of the above couple, married Hannah Fletcher, and their son Joseph married Mary Kimberly, who bore her husband a son, Joseph, who married Patience Stone of Guilford, Conn. Ambrose Chittenden, son of Joseph and Patience (Stone) Chittenden, married Zillah Hall, and their son, Dr. Ambrose Chittenden, married Sylvia Watrous. The last named couple were the parents of our subject's wife.

The widow of our subject married for her second husband Elisha Bishop, July 18, 1836. He was born September 18, 1790, and died in Brooklyn, N. Y., May 8, 1872. They had one child by this marriage,—Sophia Adelia, who was born April 5, 1838, and who married Byron M. De Munn of New York, and died in 1885, leaving three children. Mrs. Bishop died in Bainbridge, N. Y., April 16, 1878, aged eighty-two years, four months and six days.

The children born to our subject and his wife were as follows: George Gaylord, born in Unadilla, N. Y., September 21, 1816, now living in Bainbridge; Clark Moses, born in

Unadilla, N. Y., September 8, 1823, died in Wisconsin, February 9, 1867,—he married Jane Van Duzen, and had these children, Gaylord, Joseph, Oliver, and Emma Louise; Anne Jeanette was born in Bainbridge, N. Y., May 5, 1828.

Anne Jeanette Benjamin married Edward Barrows of Dedham, Mass., June 25, 1851. He died in Lowell, Mass., February 1, 1881. When first married, Mr. Barrows was in the mercantile business in New York City; he then removed to New Haven, Conn., where he went into trade. His next place of residence was Dedham, Mass., where he was agent for a large woolen mill. He then removed to Lowell, where he held a similar position, and was an active, successful business man. He was an expert in his line, and was the inventor of a number of mechanical contrivances that were useful in the manufacture of woolen fabrics and cloths. He was a celebrated manufacturer, and built up a considerable fortune. He was a son of Thomas Barrows, who was owner of both of the mills mentioned above, and a first-class cloth manufacturer. To Edward Barrows and his wife were born four children, as follows: Josephine Clark, born in New York City, December 12, 1852, now a resident of Dorchester, Mass., a suburb of Boston; Jeannie Adele, born in New York City, January 8, 1855, and died in Dansville, N. Y., at the Jackson Sanitarium, October 1, 1894; Sophia Benjamin, born in New York City, December 23, 1856, married Lewis Sherman Adams in Lowell, Mass., September 26, 1883, and now lives in Dorchester, Mass.; and Edward, Jr., who was born in Dedham, Mass., Sep-

tember 15, 1860, and died in Minneapolis, Minn., March 26, 1882. Mr. Lewis S. Adams and his wife, Sophia B., have gathered about them the following children: Marion B., born in Lowell, Mass., December 29, 1884; Lewis Sherman, Jr., born in Lowell, Mass., July 17, 1887; and Charles Malcolm, born in Dorchester, Mass., August 16, 1889. On page 564 is shown a group picture of the three children, just named, great-grandchildren of the subject of this sketch.

DR. GEORGE S. WEAVER, who has been engaged in the practice of his profession in the village of McDonough since 1883, has the confidence of the people, and numbers among his patients many of the leading citizens of the community. He is a son of J. Clark and Diana (Chase) Weaver, and was born in the town of Pitcher, Chenango County, November 30, 1860.

His grandfather was Jonathan C. Weaver, who was a farmer and hotel keeper of the town of Pharsalia. He was twice married and was the father of seven children. J. Clark Weaver, the only son born to his parents, first saw the light of day at Pharsalia, December 25, 1828. He followed that most honorable of all callings, farming, for many years, first in the town of Pitcher, later in Cincinnatus and still later in the town of McDonough, Chenango County, where he still resides. In 1884, he took up his residence in McDonough, where he embarked in the hardware business, but after a short time returned



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to his original occupation, that of a farmer. He is a man of great determination and industry, and his success is mainly due to these characteristics. He now owns 500 acres of good farm land, and has one of the most desirable farms in the vicinity of McDonough. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Miss Diana Chase, daughter of Benjamin Chase, late a farmer of the town of Pharsalia, and they became the proud parents of three children, whose names are as follows: Emma Jane, the wife of William H. Potter of Pitcher; Dr. George S., whose name heads these lines; and Della, who died at the age of thirteen years.

Dr. George S. Weaver was reared on his father's farm and received his intellectual training for life's battles in Cincinnatus Academy. At the age of seventeen, he began to study for the profession of medicine under the tutelage of Dr. Amasa Quivey, an experienced physician of Cincinnatus. He then took a three years' course in the Syracuse Medical College, from which he graduated in 1882. After his graduation, he practiced in a hospital at Syracuse for one year, and then came to McDonough and entered upon his present practice. Being a man of superior natural ability, and having received a thorough insight into the intricacies of his profession, he soon won his way into the confidence of the people. He has a large general practice, which will compare favorably with any other in the village.

July 8, 1884, he was united in marriage with Winifred Emerson, a daughter of Varanes C. Emerson, a late merchant of McDonough, by whom he has two daughters:

Winifred; and Genevieve. Socially, he is a member of the Chenango County Medical Society, and was president of that organization in 1884. He is also a member of Oxford Lodge, No. 175. F. & A. M. Religiously, he is an active worker in the Episcopal Church, of which he is a trustee. In political belief, Dr. Weaver is a Democrat, and served as pension commissioner under Cleveland during both terms. In 1893, he was elected by a majority of 88 votes, supervisor of McDonough, which is a town, that normally has a Republican majority of 40. He is of a kind and genial disposition, and he numbers his friends by the score.

CHARLES C. HOVEY. The business interests of Bainbridge township, Chenango County, have no more enterprising representative than the subject of this sketch, whose connection with the dairy and creamery interests of his section places him among the first citizens of the county. He is a member of the firm of Hovey, Clark & Co., manufacturers of fancy butter, wax, and paper sizings, operating the largest concern of its nature in Central New York. He is also president of the American Separator Co., an enterprise inaugurated in 1895 to manufacture and put on the market the American Cream Separator, an article of great merit, that is meeting with ready acceptance by enterprising butter makers of the county. Besides these extensive industries, in whose management Mr. Hovey has so large a share, The Bainbridge Express, a

ten page weekly paper of which he is part proprietor, claims no small portion of his time and talents. He is a wide-awake, alert, forceful, and upright business man, in whom all with whom he has business dealings place the greatest confidence.

Our subject is a son of William M. and Lucy Jane (Whiting) Hovey, and was born October 14, 1854, in the town of Guilford, about a mile and a half from the village. He comes of good stock on both sides of the house, and possesses in his make-up the virtues and business talents of ancestors, who were prominent in their day and generation.

Mr. Hovey's great-grandfather on his father's side was Moses Hovey, who moved from Massachusetts to the vicinity of Sidney, Delaware County, this state. His son, Simon Hovey, accompanied his parents, but when he struck out for himself in the sea of life he came farther west, and settled in the town of Guilford, where he lived and died a farmer.

William M. Hovey, the father of Charles C., was born in Guilford, July 23, 1823, and was reared on his father's farm, obtaining in his youth a better education than was commonly the lot of the average boy. After completing his studies in the academy, he taught school for a while, and then went South, where he represented a Memphis firm as a traveling salesman. Afterwards he became a salesman on his account. When he returned to the town of Guilford to live and to settle down in business, he became an agriculturist, and was especially successful in his speculations and dealings in live stock. During the last fifteen years of his life, he was a resident of the village of Norwich,

having retired from active life on a comfortable competency, until his death, which occurred October 2, 1889. He married Lucy Jane Whiting, September 20, 1848; she was a daughter of Erastus B. and Arethusa (Mills) Whiting. There were three children born to our subject's parents, as follows: Eugene Whiting; Franklin B.; and Charles C. The eldest was born January 28, 1850, and died when three years of age, January 26, 1853. Franklin B., born December 20, 1851, died at the age of eighteen, March 1, 1870, having been accidentally shot on February 23, 1870, in Richmond, Va.

Our subject traces his ancestry on his mother's side to Rev. Samuel Whiting, second son of John Whiting. Rev. Samuel Whiting was born in England, November 20, 1597, and was a native of Boston, Lincolnshire. He graduated from Cambridge University, where the efforts of a pious tutor directed his mind toward religion and a career in the church. On leaving college he became a domestic chaplain to Sir Nathaniel Bacon and Sir Roger Townsend, in which capacity he served three years. He then removed to Lynn, in the County of Norfolk, where he spent another profitable three years as a colleague of the Rev. Mr. Price. At this time non-conformity with the Church of England became more and more common and widespread over the country, Puritanism broke out with the result a few years later of bringing forth such men as Oliver Cromwell and Fairfax, and Dissenters were to be found in all classes of society. It was a general movement. Rev. Mr. Whiting caught the spirit of the times, and became a Non-Con-

formist; complaints were made to the Bishop of Norfolk of this minister's heterodox teachings, and he was prosecuted in the high commission courts. Becoming convinced that he should find no rest thereafter in England, he came across the water to the Massachusetts Bay Colony, arriving in Boston, May 26, 1636. He became settled as a pastor in Lynn, Mass., November 8, 1636. He was twice married. By his first wife he had three children, of whom two sons died in England; the surviving daughter, Mary, married a Mr. Wilde, a pioneer settler of New England. Rev. Mr. Whiting's second wife was a daughter of the Rt. Hon. Oliver St. John, of Bradfordshire, England, who was Chief Justice of England during Cromwell's Protectorate. Four sons and two daughters resulted from this second marriage, of whom three sons lived to maturity. This first representative of the Whiting family in America died December 11, 1697, having completed a century's existence. His son, Joseph Whiting, born 1641, graduated from Harvard College, then in its infancy, and married Sarah Danforth, daughter of Deputy-Governor Thomas Danforth. He was ordained to the ministry in 1680, and about 1682 moved to Southampton, Long Island, where he settled as a minister, and preached until his death, April 7, 1723. One of his sons was Samuel Whiting, born July 3, 1674, who went to Southampton with his parents, and reared a family, among whom was Benjamin Whiting, who married Rebecca Parmalee, on May 30, 1723, and settled in Meriden, Conn. In 1734 Benjamin Whiting purchased three full rights of land in Torrington, Conn., most of it being in first

and second divisions. One of his sons was Deacon John Whiting, who was the great-great-grandfather of our subject. He was born November 23, 1726, married Sarah Foster, and settled in Torrington, where he lived to an advanced age. Jesse Whiting, the son of the preceding, and great-grandfather of C. C. Hovey, was born February 4, 1768, and married Hannah Smith, September 10, 1784. He removed to Norfolk, Conn., and then to Guilford, N. Y., in 1810, where he died April 22, 1845. His son, Erastus B. Whiting, was born in Torrington, and removed to Chenango County with his father. He married Arethusa Mills, who came of distinguished Revolutionary stock, and reared a family, of which the mother of our subject was one of the members.

Charles C. Hovey diligently attended the select and common schools of Guilford Center until he was about fifteen years of age, and then for two years was a student of the Norwich Academy during the fall and winter terms. He then went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he entered Felton & Bigelow's Business College in 1871. In the following spring he entered the employ of the engineering department of the City of Cleveland, and continued to fill the duties of his position for four years, when he became a civil engineer on the Cuyahoga Valley R. R. On December 26, 1876, he married Ella F. Denham, a daughter of John L. and Elizabeth Denham, and to this union in the succeeding years of their married life were born the following children: William Whiting, born August 29, 1878, in Cleveland, Ohio, now assisting his father in business; Lucy Eliza-

beth, born March 6, 1880, in Guilford, who is attending the Bainbridge High School; Charles A., born October 23, 1884; and Vernon F., born July 21, 1886. Mrs. Hovey died October 11, 1894. Our subject's second wife, whom he married December 10, 1895, was Mary Dell Fletcher, who was born in July, 1863.

In the fall of 1878, our subject returned to Guilford, and took charge of his father's farms, which he managed from November, 1878, until about 1887, when he removed to Bainbridge, and became a stockholder and director of the Gilbert Manufacturing Co.; in this enterprise he had charge of the shipping department until the spring of 1889. On that date he entered into a partnership with Fred White, under the firm name of White & Hovey, and engaged in the manufacture of butter, wax, and paper sizings. The present company is known as Hovey, Clark & Co., the proprietors being Charles C. Hovey and Linus R. Clark. The total receipts of milk for the year 1896 were 9,111,162 lbs., the product of 2,500 cows. In 1896, the company manufactured 190,000 lbs. paper sizings from the skimmed milk, while their butter output was 418,000 lbs., of which about 300,000 lbs. was made into pound prints and small packages. They also sold some 63,500 cans of milk and cream. The year's business, ending December 31, 1897, exceeded the previous year's by 20 per cent. The company also operates a farm in Bainbridge township, in connection with their creamery. Reade & Comrick, manufacturing chemists of New York City, have their laboratory for the manufacture of invalid's

and baby foods located beside our subject's factory, and receive from the creamery the skimmed milk, which they utilize for the manufacture of their foods. Hovey, Clark & Co. also have a large cold storage warehouse, commensurate with the nature and magnitude of their business. Their enterprise has been of great service in building up the town, and making farming and stock-raising profitable.

Mr. Hovey was one of the prime movers in the organization of the American Separator Co., which was incorporated June 1, 1895, was elected its president, and has since filled that position. The company is capitalized at \$50,000.00, of which \$20,000.00 is preferred stock. Its object is the manufacture and introduction of the American Cream Separator, whose merits are fast winning popular favor, and giving it a standard reputation. Wherever it has been exhibited, unlimited praise has been given it; first honors were given it in the St. Louis Industrial Exposition of 1897, and in the Toronto Expositions of 1896 and 1897.

The Bainbridge Express was founded in 1894 by our subject and Owen L. Crumb, and F. L. Ames, and is now owned by C. C. Hovey and O. L. Crumb as equal partners. It is a ten page weekly, published every Friday. It is neat and attractive in appearance, and contains an epitome of the general news of the day, as well as a full account of the local happenings of the community. With its circulation of 1,600 subscribers, it is a valuable medium as an advertising agency. In its politics it is independent, but, however, does not allow politics to influence it in

matters where the welfare of the community at large is at stake.

Our subject has taken a prominent part in the social and political life of Bainbridge, and at all times may be relied on to advance the best interests of the town and village. He is a member of Susquehanna Lodge, No. 167, F. & A. M.; Vallonia Chapter, No. 80; and Norwich Commandery, No. 46, of Afton. He is also an active member of Tribe No. 274, of Bainbridge, Improved Order of Red Men. Politically, he is a Republican, and has been trustee of the village corporation for seven years, a member of the board of education for a like period, and the board's secretary for a considerable period, and was elected supervisor of the town of Bainbridge for the term 1896-98. He is a Presbyterian in his religious sympathies, and is the superintendent of the Sabbath School. On another page is presented Mr. Hovey's portrait.

DEVILLO WHITE CORBIN is an influential and wealthy farmer, who has spent his entire life near Bennington, Bainbridge township, and has won for himself the regard of the entire community by his upright dealings and his strict integrity in every walk of life. He is a son of William W. and Eunice Ann (White) Corbin, and was born October 8, 1835, on the farm upon which he still resides.

His grandfather, Sylvester Corbin, was born in Vermont June 17, 1771, and died at North Norwich, July 12, 1836. Grandfather

Corbin came to Bainbridge, this county, at an early day and purchased a large tract of land almost a mile square, where the greater part of his life was spent. He was engaged in the lumber business, and after clearing his farm he went to North Norwich, where he built and thereafter operated a saw mill until he was removed from the scenes of his activity by death. He was a man of considerable influence in the neighborhood, and his judgment was taken as conclusive on many knotty points. In politics he was a Democrat, and for a number of years he served as justice of the peace and supervisor of the town. He was married to Eunice White May 2, 1796, and to them were born the following children: Ezra, born February 20, 1797; Richmond, July 18, 1798; Patience, January 28, 1801; William W., February 23, 1803; and Squire W., born April 19, 1806. Mr. Corbin entered upon a second matrimonial alliance August 24, 1833, the lady with whom he was this time united being Nancy Hunt.

William W. Corbin was born on the homestead purchased by his father, which continued to be his home as long as he lived. He was a farmer and also dealt in lumber, floating it down the Delaware River to the Philadelphia markets. He bought up extensive tracts of timber land, which he cleared, selling the cleared land at a good price, and realizing handsomely on the lumber thus obtained. In after years he became a general dealer in cattle and wool, and did a large business in that line as well as in the lumber trade. He built two saw mills, which he operated, one on the homestead, the other at

North Norwich, and was one of the shrewd, clear-sighted, prosperous men of his time. He was originally a Democrat, but when that party took up so many ideas that were entirely foreign to his notions of right, he regretted that he had ever affiliated with them, and became, as it were, a charter member of the Republican party. He served for eight or ten years as assessor, but was not in any sense an office seeker, as this was the only office for which he ever allowed his name to appear as a candidate. He was a man of large intellect and a great Bible student. His conception of the Bible and its lessons was far in advance of the majority of the people of the day and age, and his liberal views and close attendance of the Universalist Church was but an outcome of the deep thought and study he had given to the subject of religion. He was highly esteemed by all, but most especially was this true in regard to the poor, to whom he was indeed a benefactor, and by whom he was regarded with little short of veneration. He was united in marriage with Eunice May White, with whom he lived an ideal life of wedded happiness until death claimed him, May 24, 1875. The children resulting from this marriage were six in number, as follows: Francis G., born March 24, 1832, and died young; Devillo White, the subject of these memoirs; William H., born December 16, 1839, and died young; Chester W., born December 31, 1842; Frank Jerome, born April 8, 1849, and died October 27, 1876; and George A., born March 9, 1852, and died August 31, 1875. The father of Mrs. Corbin was Dr. Asa White, one of the most skillful and success-

ful practitioners of Chenango County, whose tragic end was bemoaned by the whole community. He had left Sherburne, this county, on a prospecting tour through Michigan, with the intention of purchasing land there if he found it satisfactory, and was caught in one of the terrible snow storms that sometimes sweep over the Northern States. The snow was blinding, and the strong wind made it impossible to see even a few feet in any direction, much less to travel and find the way in a strange country. Dr. White became bewildered, lost his way, and, after vainly trying to reach some shelter, was overcome and lost his life in his struggle with the elements.

Deville White Corbin owns a part of the paternal acres, on which he has erected large, commodious buildings, where he lives and carries on farming, giving a great deal of attention also to the lumber business, and to the buying and selling of live stock and wool. He is known as one of the reliable, influential men of the county, and is universally respected because of the honorable methods employed by him in all his transactions. He was educated in the common schools and later attended the Franklin and Sherburne Academies, being obliged to discontinue his studies, however, on account of weak eyes. This was a source of much disappointment to him, but he made the most of his opportunities, and has become possessed of a much more varied knowledge than is obtained by many who rely more exclusively on text-books. While still a young man the Civil War broke out, and Mr. Corbin enlisted in Co. G., 5th Reg. N. Y. Heavy



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Artillery, in November, 1863, and served about a year, fortunately without receiving a wound, and without being given a taste of the horrors of the southern prisons. Politically, he has always been a Republican, and has been interested in having good men elected to office, but has had no desire to hold office himself, his time being entirely taken up with his extensive business interests.

Mr. Corbin was married January 20, 1859, to Emeline L. Mosher, and they are the parents of four children, all of whom are married and doing well. They are as follows: Isabelle C., born September 24, 1859, the wife of Uri Mitchell, a Universalist minister; Jessie, born May 16, 1862, married October 18, 1882, C. S. Hynds; Ralph W., born December 15, 1865, married Laura Teed, October 28, 1896, and lives with his father; Lizzie, born October 27, 1867, married, August 16, 1890, Ward Lewis, Jr., of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. Corbin is a pleasant, social gentleman, holding the most liberal sentiments, and retaining in a wonderful degree the cheerfulness and activity of youth. His life is an example of the success and honorable status that may be attained by honesty, industry, and well applied energy.

WILLIAM H. LALLY, a leading lumberman in the village of Norwich, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, is a son of William and Mary (Hynds) Lally, and was born in Coventry, N. Y., May 8, 1863.

William Lally, the father of our subject,

was born in the city of Galway, Ireland, in April, 1831, and emigrated to the United States in 1854, locating in Chenango County, N. Y., where he spent the rest of his days in cultivating the soil. He became a resident of Guilford in the early part of 1878, and had lived there but a short time when he passed from this life, October 7, 1878. Politically, he was an avowed Democrat, upholding the principles of that party both by voice and vote. In religious views he was brought up as a Catholic, and remained a communicant of that church all his life. He was united in wedlock with Mary Hynds, and they reared eight children, namely: Anna, deceased; William H.; Mary, who married C. B. Grand; Susie, the wife of C. C. Adams, now deceased; Edward A., a prominent lumberman of Guilford and Norwich; Agnes, deceased; Martha, who married E. J. Albert; and Julia, the wife of J. W. Martin.

William H. Lally received his primary education in the grade schools of his native town, and as he grew to manhood he engaged in the lumber business at Guilford. Later he opened a branch office in the village of Oxford, and as business increased he opened another office in the village of Norwich, and on February 19, 1895, he moved to the last named place with his family, and has since made it his home. He operates a saw mill in the village of New Berlin, and one in Plymouth. He also has leased a blue stone quarry in Oxford, N. Y., that supplies New York City with much of her finest building stone. In 1896, he built a large and handsome residence on South Broad Street, one of the principal streets as well as the most

beautiful in the village, and has since lived there until the present time. His home is an elegant one, and well bespeaks his tastes. Politically, he is an ardent Democrat, but in local elections he always votes for the best man regardless of party. Socially, he is a member of the Knights of Columbus, also a member of the Improved Order of Red Men. In 1890 he was joined in matrimony with Luella Nash, and two children have blessed their happy home,—Harry William, and Ethel Martha. During the short time Mr. Lally has been a resident of Norwich, he has gained a reputation as an honest, upright and good citizen. He has led an active and energetic life, and his enterprising spirit has been felt in all the movements to advance the business and social interests of the village.

DAVID SHATTUCK is a resident of Haynes, in the town of Norwich, Chenango County, N. Y. When a lad he attended No. 13 District School of Norwich, and Oxford Academy, which was at that time under the management of Prof. John Abbott. This was conceded to be one of the best schools of the state, and the pupils who were desirous of learning had no difficulty in obtaining a good, practical education. Mr. Shattuck's school days were well employed, and at their close he returned home and assisted his father until he became of age. He had been desirous of engaging in railroad work, as it had always held a sort of fascination for him, and, having an opportunity to take a posi-

tion with the Illinois Central R. R., he took advantage of it, and began his career of rail-roading that was carried on for over a quarter of a century. For two years he was foreman for a contractor on the Midland R. R. The O. & W. R. R. then secured his services as conductor on a passenger train; he continued with this road for twenty years, until 1891, during which time he ran over the entire line and its branches. Mr. Shattuck then concluded it was time for him to retire from the road and take life more easily, and, after severing his connection with the O. & W. R. R., with whom he had been so long engaged, he entered upon the life of a hotel keeper, conducting most successfully the Eagle Hotel at Norwich for three years and six months. Not finding this work congenial, however, he disposed of the hotel, and for two years lived a life of leisure. Idleness did not suit him as well as work, so in 1895 he took up his residence on the farm of 150 acres which he owns, the old Shattuck homestead, where he is still living. He is a son of John and Mary (Knapp) Shattuck, and was born July 26, 1834, in the town of Norwich, near what are known as the "old mineral springs."

The Shattuck family is German in its origin; about two hundred years ago we find that members of the parent family left their native country and took up their residence in England. There they lived and multiplied, and there the first known ancestor of our subject, William Shattuck, was born. Hearing wonderful stories of the new country across the ocean, he determined to risk his fortunes on her shores, so embarked for

America and located in Watertown, Mass. One of his descendants, David Shattuck, emigrated to the town of Norwich, where he purchased a large estate, now known as the Shattuck farm, and at once built a log house for his family and set about clearing the land for cultivation. He had a family of three sons; the first died in infancy; the second was Leroy; and the third was John, the father of our subject. He was inclined to be favorably disposed toward Democratic principles. He was possessed of great energy and determination, and was doing much to smooth the pathway of those who were to follow him, when he was cut down by death while still a young man in years.

John Shattuck was born on the farm, and during the early part of his life resided there. After his marriage to Mary Knapp he engaged in the saw mill business for a short time, and then gave his attention to farming. He purchased a farm of 150 acres, upon which our subject now lives, where he resided during the rest of his life. He engaged in dairying, and had the satisfaction of knowing that his goods were second to none on the market, while the Lyon Brook Cheese Factory, which he established on his farm, soon won a reputation all over the state for the superior excellence of its products. It also carried off the medal and diploma for the best exhibits of cheese at the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia, in 1876. He was thoroughly posted in all the details of the dairy business, and was tendered the position of State Commissioner of the Centennial, to represent the United States dairy business, but declined the honor on account

of poor health. He was a member of the State Dairy Association, and was also closely identified with the agricultural interests of the state, being a member and several times president of the Chenango Agricultural Society. He had a wide acquaintance throughout the state, and was most popular wherever known. He was one of the contractors engaged in the building of the Chenango Canal, and at one time was superintendent of it.

Mr. Shattuck was one of the main promoters of the New York and Oswego Midland R. R., now known as the New York, Ontario and Western R. R. He was present at the first meeting when the road was organized, and was offered a directorship, but declined, giving freely of his time, however, to aid the interests of the new enterprise. He spent a couple of years, rendering invaluable assistance toward the promotion of the road, securing the right of way for a large portion and giving eight acres as right of way through his farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Shattuck had but two children, David and Mary F. The latter, who is now deceased, married Dr. Pier, a physician of Scranton, Pa., who was prothonotary of the county and generally prominent in political affairs. Dr. Pier was a native of Oxford, this county. Mr. Shattuck served as captain and afterwards as colonel of the state militia, was a member of the Masonic Order and also of the I. O. O. F. of Norwich. He was a man greatly in advance of his day in intellectual ideas, high minded and ambitious, with pronounced Democratic views. His friends prevailed upon him twice to allow the use of

his name, once for sheriff and once for Member of Assembly, and he consented, although there was no prospect of carrying the election, as their party was decidedly in the minority. He was a great friend of education. His own education had been limited as far as school-book learning went, but he was a great reader, and, having a retentive memory, he acquired a fund of varied and useful knowledge which placed him among the most intelligent and best posted men of his time and district. However, he felt the drawback that a lack of early schooling had been to him, and never let slip an opportunity to help along the cause of education. He was a liberal contributor to the churches and to the Liberal Institute, now known as the Clinton Liberal Institute. He was an advocate of the Universalist Church, and contributed with a liberal hand to the work of that organization in Oxford. He had a good command of language, and became quite a prominent public speaker; he was frequently importuned to address public gatherings, and was a familiar figure on the platform at agricultural, political, and other meetings where his fearlessness and strength of expression, and his intellectual vigor easily made him the favorite of the day. He was a public benefactor, and a most liberal dispenser of hospitality in his home.

David Shattuck, our subject, has been twice married, his first wife being Harriet A. Noble; his second wife was Rachel A. Comstock, a daughter of Abel Comstock, a real estate dealer of Norwich. Three children have been born to this union, and Mr. Shattuck has spared no expense to educate them

and fit them for honorable and useful positions in life. The eldest, John David, is a civil engineer, a graduate of Yale, class of 1891, being one of twelve honor men out of a class of ninety. He also took the post graduate course, and is at present holding the responsible position of engineer of distribution for the People's Gas & Coke Company of Buffalo, N. Y. He married Frances Fitch of Norwich, N. Y. The second child is Harriet C., a graduate of Vassar, and at present occupying the position of instructor in the art department of Oxford Academy. Edith M., the third and youngest, is still a student in the Norwich High School. Mr. Shattuck is a Democrat. He has been the candidate of his party once for sheriff of the county, and twice for Member of Assembly. That he is a very popular man is shown from the fact that he came within 36 votes of being elected in a county that had 1,400 Republican majority. This was considered a most complimentary vote. A few years ago he was the conductor's candidate for railroad commissioner, a state office paying a salary of \$8,000.00. The State Board of Railroad Commissioners consists of three members, whose duties are to arbitrate any question that arises concerning the railroads of the state, and to this office Mr. Shattuck would undoubtedly have been chosen had it not been deemed expedient to place the office with an engineer, with the understanding that the next incumbent should be chosen from the ranks of the conductors. He is one of the most prominent Masons of the state; is past high priest of Harmony Chapter, at Norwich; past commander of Norwich Com-



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mandery, No. 46; and has taken all the degrees from the Blue Lodge to that of Mystic Shriner and Scottish Rite Mason, being a member of the Ziyara Temple, at Utica, N. Y., and also a member of the Grotto, at Hamilton, of which Ex-Postmaster General, Gen. James of New York City, was one of the founders.

CHARLES G. MATHEWSON, who resides on the pleasant family homestead, in the town of Otselic, is numbered among the enterprising, well-to-do farmers, who have contributed so largely to the growth and substantial prosperity of the town. He was born in the town of Smyrna, Chenango County, N. Y., November 18, 1836, and is a son of George W. and Electa (Isabel) Mathewson, and a grandson of Joseph Mathewson. Joseph Mathewson was a native of Connecticut, and located in the town of Smyrna, Chenango County, N. Y., in 1805, being one of its pioneer settlers. He was a skillful, clear-sighted, well-informed farmer and business man, and was quite successful in speculations. He married Betsy Allen, a native of Connecticut, and relative of Ethan Allen, who so gallantly led the Green Mountain Boys in the Revolutionary War. They were the parents of nine children, namely: George W.; Mrs. Louisa (Hills); Charles; Mrs. D. Melissa (Carry); Gardner; Mrs. Corena (Howland); Mrs. Julia (Tubbs); Mrs. Elizabeth (Stratton); and James. All of the above are deceased but Mrs. Hills.

George W. Mathewson was born in Con-

necticut, July 2, 1807, and came to Smyrna with his father. He learned the trade of a wagonmaker, and worked at it a short time in Smyrna, after which he became engaged in a grist and saw mill. From there he moved to Beaver Meadows, where he farmed until 1866, when he bought the place upon which our subject now lives. It is an excellent farm of 178 acres of excellent land, with good buildings upon it. He married Electa Isabel, a daughter of Seymour Isabel, a late farmer of the town of Smyrna, and they became the parents of three children, whose names are as follows: Charles G., our subject; Andrew, a farmer of the town of Lincklaen, this county; and Sabina, who makes her home with Charles G., our subject.

Charles G. Mathewson was reared on a farm and received his education in the district schools of Smyrna. After attaining his majority, he engaged in the grist and saw mill business at Smyrna, where he remained for six or seven years; he then learned the trade of a blacksmith, at which trade he worked for 20 years at different places. He then engaged in the hotel business at Norwich, but only conducted his hostelry for one year, when he traded it for a farm in the town of Otselic. About 1883 he returned to the old homestead, and to the original 178 acres he has added an adjoining tract of 90 acres, and another, close by, of 65 acres. Like most of the farmers in the vicinity, he makes a specialty of dairying, and it is carried on by the most improved methods. He is by no means lacking in enterprise, and has not been slow to adopt modern methods where it seems best to use them.

April 4, 1861, he married Rachel L. Holmes, a daughter of David Holmes, and they became the parents of three children: Jennie, who died in girlhood; Delos, who also died in childhood; and George A., who is living at home. Mr. Mathewson is quite prominent in social circles, and for the past eight years has been treasurer of the South Otselic Lodge, No. 659, F. & A. M. In political belief, he is a Democrat.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathewson are held in the very highest esteem in Otselic township, and have many friends, throughout the county, who will view with interest their portraits, which appear on near-by pages, in connection with the above biographical narrative.

EPHRAIM LOOMIS is one of the honored residents of Smithville township, and was reared in his native place when the habitations were few and far between. He has witnessed great changes, and has watched the march of improvement and civilization with genuine satisfaction, while at the same time he has assisted materially in the development and progress of his county and community. His birthplace was in Smithville, Chenango County, November 5, 1836. He is a son of Roman and Christina (Smith) Loomis, and grandson of Ephraim Loomis.

The Loomis family is of Scotch and English origin. The first family of that name to locate in America settled in the New England States. The grandfather of our subject, Ephraim Loomis, was a farmer in the

town of Torrington, Litchfield County, Connecticut.

Roman Loomis, the father of our subject, was born in Torrington, Conn., September 4, 1800, and about 1825 came to Smithville, and later married Christina Smith of Smithville, N. Y. He purchased a farm in Smithville, where he and his wife lived the rest of their lives; it consisted of a small tract of land, situated two miles north of Smithville Flats, which property he cleared and then carried on farming, and as fast as his funds increased he put his surplus capital into land, and at the time of his death owned 189 acres, an estate that ranked among the best farms in the county. He passed from this life in 1880. He was a true Christian, and a member of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Christina (Smith) Loomis was a daughter of Henry Smith, one of the early settlers of Smithville. To Mr. and Mrs. Loomis were born the following children, namely: Lauren, deceased; Ephraim, subject of this personal history; Sarah Z., deceased; George; Uriah; Oliver; Mariah; and Mary. Lauren Loomis, deceased, lived in Minnesota, and during an Indian uprising he and his wife were compelled to flee on horseback, during a hard rain. They went to Henderson, a neighboring town, where Mr. Loomis died from the effects of a cold which he received in making his escape. George Loomis was a successful farmer in Smithville Flats, and when he heard the call for more troops to put down the Rebellion, he enlisted in the army with his brother, Ephraim, and remained throughout the war. Uriah Loomis was another of the Loomis family to make his headquarters

in Smithville and to follow the occupation of an agriculturist; his life history appears on page 283 of this work. Oliver Loomis was late a resident of Austin, Minn. Mary Loomis is the widow of the late H. Skillman of Smithville.

Ephraim Loomis received his elementary training in the district schools of his native town, and remained under the parental roof until he attained his majority, when he learned the trade of a carpenter and joiner, which he followed for fifteen years. He then bought a shop and followed the vocation of a cabinet-maker until 1894. In January, 1864, he accepted a Government position to go to the south and build bridges. His work was mainly in the States of Alabama and Tennessee. On September 5, 1864, he enlisted in Co. G, 185th Reg., N. Y. Vol. Inf., and was discharged May 31, 1865. His regiment was in the Army of the Potomac and took part in all of its engagements; it was in the thickest of the battle known as Gravelly Run; was in the battle of Five Forks, and when the color bearer was killed the Colonel of the regiment planted the flag staff in a pile of sawdust. Our subject also took part in the final engagement of Appomattox Court House, which decided the surrender of General Lee to Grant; during that fight Lieutenant Hiram Clark, a member of our subject's company, was the last man that was killed in the Army of the Potomac. Mr. Loomis is a member of the Col. Banks Post, G. A. R., of Greene, Chenango County.

Mr. Loomis has been twice married; to his first wife, Elsie A. Skillman, he was joined in matrimony in November, 1862, and

they reared two children, Frankie and Elsie, both of whom died in infancy. Mrs. Loomis passed away May 31, 1867, at the age of thirty-five years. September 4, 1871, he married Cornelia Pease, daughter of Philip Pease, a farmer of Smithville. Socially, he is a member of the Eastern Light Lodge, No. 126, F. & A. M. of Greene; and is also a member of the Greene Chapter No. 10. Both Mr. and Mrs. Loomis are members of the Ladies' Order of Easter Star Lodge, No. 135. Mr. Loomis is a full-blooded Republican, and earnestly supports his party and its measures on all occasions. He is a representative farmer of his township, and is highly respected among his neighbors for his uprightness, intelligence and unfailing courtesy.

DE WITT C. CASE, one of the active and energetic citizens of Sherburne, N. Y., now engaged in the life insurance business, was born in North Norwich, this county, August 5, 1844. He is a son of Albert and Sylvia (Randall) Case, both born in the above town, and grandson of Cyrus and Gertrude (Titus) Case. Cyrus Case, who was of Scotch parentage, emigrated to this country, and settled in the State of Connecticut. Later he moved to Chenango County, where he became acquainted with Gertrude Titus, whom he later married. He bought 360 acres of land, where his grandson, Randall A. Case, now lives, built a substantial log house, and cleared a

good portion of the land and otherwise got it into shape for cultivation. He also built the frame structure now standing, and at the present time used as a storehouse. He was one of the eminent men of the county, because of his progressive methods of farming. He retired to the village of North Norwich and led a private life, dying at the age of eighty-two. He was married three times. By his first wife, whose name is not known, he became the parent of one child, Warren, now deceased. His second wife was Gertrude Titus, and as a result of this union four children were born to them: Chloe; John W.; Albert; and Cyrus. His third wife's maiden name was Roby Bryant, and they reared five children: Reuben; Harriet; Russel; Julia; and Marcus.

Albert Case, our subject's father, was born on the homestead, and his first start in life was when he and his brother, John W., bought their father's farm, consisting of 360 acres. Later, Albert bought John's interest, and immediately began to make many improvements, building a fine house and a very large, commodious barn. Mr. Case was very successful in life, and succeeded in accumulating a small fortune. He reared and educated a very large family, as follows: Gertrude, who taught school when she was fourteen years of age; Roxie L.; Mary E.; Sarah; Albert; DeWitt; Randall A.; Cryus; Emily, who died aged two years; and Emma L. Mr. Case passed from this life at the age of seventy-one years. Mrs. Case died aged forty-six years. Upon the formation of the Republican party our subject's father joined the ranks, and remained with that political

organization until his death. Religiously, he was a Universalist.

DeWitt C. Case received his primary education in the district schools, and later attended Norwich Academy. Being the second youngest son in the family, he remained with his parents until after his marriage, when he moved to the town of North Norwich and opened a grocery store. Besides having the trade of the village, he supplied the canal boats with supplies for two years, when he sold out and bought the old Dick Gorton farm. He remained upon this farm for eight years, during which time he made many improvements, building an entirely new house. He then traded this farm for 260 acres belonging to G. Waters of Sherburne, and remained upon this estate, engaged in general farming for five years. He eventually sold this farm and bought a house in the village of Sherburne, and for the succeeding seven years he worked in a sash and blind factory. He traded his village property for the Hector Ross farm, where he rebuilt and remodeled the buildings, and carried on farming until 1896, when he rented the farm for a term of years. He then moved back to the village and bought the Dunham House, on the corner of State and East Streets, which is considered one of the best locations in the town. He now devotes himself to life insurance, and has represented the Chenango Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Oxford, N. Y., for the past two years, with very successful results.

Mr. Case has been married twice; to his first wife, Irene Foot, were born four children: Harriet L., who married John Howard



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of Sherburne, and who is the mother of one child, Gertrude; George V., a reporter on the New York Journal, married Jessie Lyon, and has one child, Julia Irene; Anna V. D., who married H. Y. Burlingham; and Harry E., a granite cutter of Utica, N. Y. Mrs. Case was forty-four years of age at her death. He was joined in wedlock the second time to Louise M. Wheeler of Waterville, and they have reared two children, Amy L.; and Ruth M. Politically, Mr. Case is a stanch Democrat. He is a member of the Sherburne Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 444, in which he is a devoted worker, and has filled many offices. Mr. Case is very liberal in his religious views. He is an energetic and thorough business man, and commands the respect of all who know him.

SCOTT B. LEWIS, whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, is without question the most widely known citizen of New Berlin township, Chenango County, N. Y. He is a comparatively young man, but his life has been crowded with events of importance, which have followed one another in close succession. His fair reputation is known not only throughout the entire central part of the Empire State, but his connection with vital human interests has given him a state-wide fame. He is a son of Henry and Eliza (Hall) Lewis, and was born in the town of Morris, Otsego County, N. Y., April 14, 1857.

Nathaniel Lewis, grandfather of our subject, came from the State of Massachusetts

in 1800, and located in the town of Morris. The early part of his life was identified with the medical circles of Chenango County as a regular practitioner, but later he turned his attention toward the tilling of the soil. He passed from this life in 1859, aged eighty years. He was the father of eight children.

Henry Lewis, the father of our subject, was born in the town of Morris, Otsego County, N. Y., 1814, and died in the town of Butternuts in 1886. The most of his life was spent on the old homestead, where he was engaged in the pursuits of an agriculturist. Mr. Lewis was formerly an old time Whig, but upon the organization of the Republican party he became identified with that political power and remained with it until the time of his death. Religiously, he was a Free Will Baptist and held many offices in that church. He was united in marriage with Eliza Hall, and they reared nine children.

Scott B. Lewis received his elementary education in the South New Berlin Union School, and at the age of twenty years he engaged in the mercantile business. He formed a partnership with Oliver Angell, and for the first two years the firm name was Lewis & Angell. He then bought out the interests of his partner, Mr. Angell, and conducted the business alone for the succeeding thirteen years. In 1892 he began to speculate in live stock and produce, and has built up a very large, successful business.

He formed a matrimonial alliance with Sarah A. Babcock, daughter of Chancellor H. Babcock, and they were happily wedded January 2, 1881. Laura is the only child that has blessed their union. Mr. Lewis is a

Republican in politics, with his convictions as deeply settled and fixed as his father's ideas of freedom. He believes in true Republicanism, not the party spirit which actuates men to do the bidding of some self-constituted leader who has no claim on their support except it is by his own unblushing audacity or willingness to perform actions that a true man would be ashamed of. The kind of Republicanism that Mr. Lewis loves is the kind whose banner John C. Fremont dared carry; that honest "Abe" Lincoln proclaimed; that to-day William McKinley represents. To Mr. Lewis's mind a free-born American's right of suffrage is his dearest possession. A citizen should vote with a clear idea behind his ballot of what he wants that ballot to do. Men, who are leaders, should have won the right to lead by having performed actions entitling them to leadership. He is in a position to know the correctness of the stand he takes, for his experience in politics has been life-long. He has been supervisor of New Berlin two terms; has been justice of the peace since 1893; and in 1893 he was elected commissioner of highways for a term of three years. He is president and manager of the South New Berlin Water Co., and was one of the organizers, in 1897; and is treasurer and a director of the South New Berlin Gas Co., of which he was one of the chief promoters in 1896. Socially he is a member of the Phoebus Lodge, No. 82, F. & A. M.; Harmony Chapter, No. 42, R. A. M.; Norwich Commandery, No. 46, Knight Templars; and Winnebago Tribe, No. 362, I. O. R. M., of New Berlin. Religiously, he is a member of the Methodist

Church of which he is a trustee. The manner in which Mr. Lewis has executed the responsibilities of the trusts that have devolved upon him proves the genuineness of his integrity and the justice of the reputation he has earned for energy and executive ability, as well as probity and unswerving rectitude.

MATTHEW BUTLER LUDINGTON is a farmer of North Norwich, Chenango County, and was one of the first to answer to the call of his country, cheerfully giving three and a half of the best years of his life to her service, and taking part in some of the fiercest engagements of the Civil War. He was at one time a prominent instructor of the county. He is a son of James Stewart and Volina (Butler) Ludington, and was born July 15, 1826, at Salisbury, Herkimer County, N. Y.

Nathaniel Ludington, the grandfather, who was of Scotch and English ancestry, lived in Stonington, Conn. He came with part of his family to this state and settled in the town of Warren, Herkimer County, where he owned a farm and conducted a tavern on the Erie Canal. He was a Henry Clay Whig. His family consisted of twelve children: Nathaniel; Harley; James Stewart; William; Phillip; Moses; Eunice; Polly; Patty; Sally; Betsy; and one other.

James Stewart Ludington was born in Herkimer County, and educated in the district schools. He was a man of large intel-

lect and a strong Anti-Slavery advocate. He was quite a public speaker, often held debates, and in the year when James G. Birney made his run for the Presidency, Mr. Ludington made a canvass of the country, agitating the Anti-Slavery question, and was noted for the fearlessness and strength of his utterances. Apart from his political activity, he was a prominent member of the Baptist Church and opposed to secret societies. He married Volina Butler, and raised a family of three children, viz: James S., Jr., who was a graduate of the Albany State Normal School, and taught several years, subsequently embarking in the lumber and mercantile business,—he first resided in this county and afterwards in New York City, where he died; the second son was Matthew Butler, our subject; and the youngest was Elizabeth Hunt, deceased. The father died November 13, 1866, at the age of seventy-one years.

Matthew Butler Ludington was a diligent scholar and received a good education in the district schools and later in Norwich Academy. He was most assiduous in his efforts at self-improvement, and came to be classed among the foremost instructors of the county. He was a teacher for twenty years, until he entered the late war. His vacations were employed in his brother's stores at Plymouth and Pitcher, and he afterwards took the management of one of the stores belonging to his brother, at Columbus Center, where he remained until 1862. On October 13, 1862, he was mustered in as First Lieut. of Co. K., 161st Reg. N. Y. Vol. Inf., 19th Army Corps, Gulf Dept., under Gen.

Banks, and was mustered out at Tallahassee, Florida, November 12, 1865. They landed at Baton Rouge and took part in the engagements that were fought on the Mississippi and Red rivers. He was at the battle of Port Hudson, and at the taking of Mobile. He was then made quartermaster of the commissary department stationed at Key West, Florida, where he remained until November 12, 1865. He was relieved from duty and mustered out in November, 1865, as Captain, having been promoted to that position March 8, 1865. After returning home he engaged in farming for a short time, when he accepted a position as postal clerk, serving ten years on the Ontario and Western R. R., seven years of which was between Norwich and Oswego, and three years between New York and Oneida. He continued in the postal service for ten years, and then once more gave his attention to the work of farming. He owns a nice little farm where he lives, which consists of 30 acres, and a piece of woodland of 5 acres, and is pleasantly and comfortably situated.

Mr. Ludington married J. Louise Anthony, a daughter of Stephen Anthony, and to this marriage one child was born, Everett. Both mother and child were removed to the better world; the son in early childhood and the mother but three years after her marriage. Mr. Ludington then once more entered the matrimonial state, the bride being Sophia J. Paul, a daughter of Alfred Paul, a farmer of North Norwich. They were the parents of seven children: Ella, Willie, and Cora died in childhood; the next two were twins, who died when a few days of

age; Charles G., who is in New York City; and Herbert C., who is an operator and station agent on the O. and W. R. R. at Central Square, Oswego County. Herbert C. Ludington graduated from the Norwich High School in 1894, and taught school for several years. Mr. Ludington is a Republican and cast his vote for John C. Fremont, his first vote being for Zachary Taylor. He has held several town offices; was town superintendent of schools at one time, also served as town clerk, was supervisor one term, and has held the office of justice of the peace for the past twenty years, and is still serving in that capacity. He was county school commissioner for nine years, and assisted in the organization of the Union High School at Norwich, and also at Sherburne. He was a member of the Good Templars Lodge, when that lodge was in existence, and is an advocate and liberal supporter of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is an amiable and accomplished gentleman, with engaging manners and a kindly nature that treasures few resentments, and takes pleasure in benefiting others.

DELOSS WHEELER, a prominent and well-to-do farmer of Norwich, is a son of James and Eliza J. (Handy) Wheeler, and was born July 4, 1844. The original ancestor of this family came from Rhode Island and settled in Madison County, N. Y.

James Wheeler, the father of our subject, was born in Clinton, Madison County, and

early in life moved to the town of New Berlin, where he followed the vocation of an agriculturist. Politically, Mr. Wheeler was always an unswerving Democrat. He was united in marriage with Eliza J. Handy, and as a result of this union, three children were born to them, as follows: Deloss, the subject of this personal history; Cyrus, a successful farmer and a resident of the town of Norwich; and George, who operates a saw and planing mill in Norwich, and deals extensively in lumber.

Deloss Wheeler was thrown entirely upon his own resources at the early age of seven years; self-educated and self-made, he has shown what a brave and determined spirit can do in battling for recognition in the world. The doubts, difficulties and impediments were each in turn overcome, and Mr. Wheeler stands to-day a representative of the most enterprising men of the county. He lived with Thomas E. Lewis, a farmer of the town of Sherburne, and remained with him until that gentleman moved to Norwich, when our subject left his employ, and for nine years worked on neighboring farms by the month. He then moved to the town of Plymouth, and rented a farm of 234 acres, where he engaged in farming on his own account. After spending eight years upon this farm he moved to the town of North Norwich, where for seven years he followed general farming. March 1, 1891, he rented the present farm for one year, after which he purchased it. The farm is a part of the old Barber homestead, and consists of 170 acres of highly cultivated land. In connection with farming he runs a dairy, and has his

farm stocked with some thirty head of fine cattle.

Mr. Wheeler married Flora Barber, February 19, 1875. She is a daughter of Benjamin Barber, a native of Rhode Island, and a successful and enterprising farmer of Norwich, who at his death in 1880 left an estate of 400 acres of land. In political views, Mr. Wheeler is an avowed Republican. He was formerly a member of the Good Templars, and an active worker in the local grange of the Patrons of Husbandry.

DR. JAMES B. NOYES is a man of prominence in New Berlin, Chenango County, not only as a physician, but also in political and social circles. He was born in the village of Norwich, December 19, 1853, and is a son of Thomas J. and Ellen G. (Hale) Noyes.

The family is of English extraction, and is one of the oldest in the county. His grandfather was John Noyes, who for many years owned and lived upon what is now the county poor farm, in the town of Preston. He followed that ancient and most honorable of all callings, farming.

Thomas J. Noyes was born in Preston, December 3, 1811, where he was reared on the farm. There he grew to manhood, and in 1847 he went to Brockport, and later took up his residence in Norwich. While in Brockport he conducted a general merchandise store, but upon coming to Norwich he engaged in the hotel business. He conducted the Midland Hotel for a number of years,

and it was a very popular hostelry. When it burned down in 1872, he decided not to rebuild, and has since lived a retired life. In political affairs, he took an active interest, but never held office, for he was content to lead the life of a private citizen. Mr. Noyes was originally and until recent years a decided Democrat, but objecting to some of the planks in the Chicago Platform of 1896, he is inclined to be independent in his views and actions. John Noyes, deceased, the uncle of our subject, was one of the most prominent politicians in Central New York, when the State of New York was divided into four senatorial districts, South, East, Middle and West. For five years he represented the Middle District in the State Senate. Thomas J. Noyes was united in marriage with Ellen G. Hale, and they became the parents of three children, namely: Clara P., who makes her home in Norwich; James B., the subject of these lines; and Nellie D., whose death occurred in 1895. Mrs. Noyes passed to her eternal reward in 1893. Although nearly eighty-seven years of age, Mr. Noyes enjoys good health and looks to be a man many years younger.

Dr. James B. Noyes, after completing his course in Norwich Academy, was employed for two years in the drug store of George E. Hawley of Norwich. In 1872, he began the study of medicine with Dr. George W. Avery, remaining with him one year. He then took a two years' course in Bellevue Hospital Medical College of New York City, graduating in March, 1875. He then located at New Berlin, where he has practiced since. Having graduated from one of

the best medical schools there is in the country, he is capable of treating the most complicated cases, and he soon made a reputation in the vicinity of New Berlin as a skilled physician. He has a true sense of professional honor and is always fair in his treatment of competitors.

His companion in life is Florence E. Fox, a daughter of Joseph K. Fox, editor of The New Berlin Gazette, to whom he was married April 25, 1883. Two children were born to them, namely: Grace Edna; and Henry F. Dr. Noyes is a member of the Chenango County Medical Society, and officiated as president one term; he also belongs to the State Medical Association. In politics he is a Democrat of the old school. He has been a delegate to county, district and state conventions. He has been candidate for coroner and Member of Assembly. Dr. Noyes is a young physician of fine attainments and thorough culture, and comes of a family noted for ability and energy, and he is no exception to the established records of the family.

AARON M. LATHROP, one of the wealthy, retired business men of Bennetttsville, Bainbridge township, is a son of Levi and Patience (Rowley) Lathrop, and was born November 1, 1829, in Unadilla, Otsego County, N. Y. His great-grandfather was a minute-man in the Revolutionary War, enlisting from New York and giving his life in the service of his country at Saratoga.

Elisha Lathrop, the grandfather, was born near Albany, but grew to young manhood in Norwich, Conn. When he was nineteen years old he came to this state, locating on Sand Hill Creek, Otsego County, where he secured a tract of woodland and at once set about clearing it. When this was accomplished he had a fine farm of 300 acres, where he lived and was buried, when dissolution finally occurred at the extreme old age of ninety-two years. His mother was Susannah Gates, a first cousin of General Gates.

Levi Lathrop was born on the paternal acres in 1793, and was reared and educated in Otsego County, dying at the age of sixty-eight. His life was spent in farming and in working at the trade of a cooper. He owned a cooper shop and did quite a large business. He was well posted in the politics of the day; and voted with the Whig and Republican parties. He was twice married, his first wife being Patience Rowley, by whom he had eight sons and four daughters. After her death he married Phoebe Halbert, and to them was born one child, a daughter. The maternal grandfather of Aaron M. Lathrop was Seth Rowley, a native of the town of Rowley, situated about forty miles north of Boston, in Essex County, Mass.; he entered the Revolutionary War and served through the entire war as captain. He was a farmer, and settled at the mouth of Otego Creek, where he died.

Aaron M. Lathrop received his education in the common schools, and has since added to his stock of knowledge continually by reading and intelligent observation. He is a great reader, and keeps abreast the times in

all matters of importance. When a lad he learned the trade of a cooper in his father's shop, where he worked until he reached the age of twenty-one, when he went to Oxford, Chenango County, where he went into the cooperage business on his own account. He remained there for fifteen years, removing in 1865 to Bennettsville, and working at the trade there for another twenty years. He has not been engaged in business since 1885, having accumulated considerable means, which enables him to live a life of comparative ease. He was one of two persons who issued the first call which resulted in the organization of the Republican party of Chenango County; the other man being Isaac H. Pendleton. Mr. Lathrop has never been an aspirant for official honors, for his wish has been always to see good, responsible men in office, and he has been modest in having his name used in connection with public office. He entered the Civil War in August, 1863, as a private in the 146th Reg. N. Y. Vol. Inf., and served until March 15, 1864, taking part in several engagements; the most important were: the battles at Rappahannock Station in October, 1863; the explosion of the mine at Richmond; and the battle of the Wilderness. He is a member of the H. H. Beecher Post, No. 582, G. A. R., and has many exciting adventures to relate concerning the time spent in the service of his country. He is a stockholder in the First National Bank of Binghamton, and is an honest, upright gentleman. He was married January 1, 1861, to Mariet Crane, a daughter of Simeon Crane of Sanford, Broome County, this state. Their only child, Laura, died in childhood.

PHILANDER H. LOOMIS. Among the notable business men of West Bainbridge is the enterprising and respected gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He was born November 21, 1830, in the picturesque old house in which he still resides, and which was purchased by his father about nine years previous to our subject's birth. He is a son of Philander and Phoebe (Herrick) Loomis, who were residents of this county for over half a century.

Philander Loomis, our subject's father, was born in Franklin, Delaware County, N. Y., December 10, 1799, and died June 3, 1882. In 1821 he came to this county and purchased 50 acres of ground, upon which he made his home, while he carried on his trade, that of a carpenter and joiner, while at the same time he cultivated the land, making it one of the most desirable homes in that locality. He was a public-spirited man and showed an interest in all the local events; was at one time captain of a military company, and an enthusiastic Whig, and later a Republican. He married Phoebe Herrick, and seven children were born to them, as follows: Alonzo; Samuel; Elizabeth; Philander H.; Andrew, who died while young; Joseph, deceased; and Phoebe Ann.

Philander H. Loomis received a good common school education and then started on his career as a farmer, while during the long, cold winters he engaged in the lumber business. This arrangement he continued for several years, when he discontinued the work of a lumberman and opened a general store, which he has operated for the past seven years. This is operated under the theory

that his customers are deserving of the best goods and most considerate treatment, and the large trade he has secured proves the correctness of his views. At one time he was connected with a large music house, having his headquarters here; for six years he represented this firm upon the road, being classed among the best traveling salesmen, while his reputation for honest dealing and high moral character was without a question. He is one of the most influential and prominent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has held various offices. Mr. Loomis was married in March, 1852, to Eleanor Janette Barber, a daughter of Alonzo N. and Rosanna K. (Greene) Barber. Her father was born in the town of Afton, this county, January 11, 1813; her mother was born January 12, 1815, and died November 6, 1882. Her maternal grandfather was John K. S. Greene, a resident of New Canaan, Conn., and among the first settlers in the town of Afton. Mrs. Loomis was born April 4, 1835, and is the only one of her family surviving. Mr. and Mrs. Loomis are the parents of one child, a daughter, Ellen Ann, born September 6, 1855, the wife of Charles G. Norton.

Charles G. Norton stands high in the community in which he lives. Born July 31, 1851, in the town of North Norwich, he removed with his parents to Sherburne Falls, where he grew to manhood, and entered the large army of men who make their living by the cultivation of the soil. He became a first-class farmer, and also learned the trade of a blacksmith, which he carried on in connection with farming. So constantly were

his services required at the forge, that he gave up farming after coming to Bainbridge, and devotes his entire time to the work of his shop. He is connected in some way with most of the local affairs of Bainbridge, and is an active politician, working hard for the success of the Republican party. He is at present highway commissioner, an office he has held continuously for five years past; for three or four years he was poormaster, receiving much commendation for the manner in which he discharged the duties devolving upon him. He also served as constable, and was a member of the Republican County Committee. He is connected with the Susquehanna Lodge, No. 167, F. & A. M.; and is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men of Bainbridge. He is an earnest worker in the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which organization he is a member. He is a son of John G. and Cecelia (Leonard) Norton, and a grandson of Miles Norton, a farmer of Sherburne. Mr. Norton was one of a family of seven children, as follows: Alice, the wife of William McMillan, the proprietor of a large flouring mill in Michigan; Harriet E., deceased, the wife of Nelson Ireland of Binghamton; John W., a blacksmith living in Michigan; Charles G.; David L., a farmer residing in Columbus; Ida, who died in 1860; and Emma, who died March 15, 1861, aged three years.

John Gilbert Norton, the father of Charles G. Norton, was a man of admirable nerve and possessed of great courage. In November, 1863, he entered the Civil War as a member of the Ironside Regiment, and received a serious wound in one of the battles in

which he was engaged. In speaking of this encounter, one of the prominent papers pays him this tribute: "Gilbert Norton was a man of iron frame, slow to move, always good natured, but with the grit of a bulldog imaged on his face. He was one of the last to yield, and this he did not do, although covered by three Confederate rifles, until, shielding himself behind a hogshead, he laid one of the riflemen low. Before he could reload for the others they rushed upon him and disarmed him, demanding his surrender. Even then he refused, and was immediately knocked down by a clubbed musket, when one of the enemy, placing a foot upon him, plunged a bayonet sheer through his body and into the ground under him. The bayonet was so rusty that it was only with considerable effort that the man wielding it could withdraw it. He raised it for the second thrust; then for the first time the old soldier cried 'enough.' The upraised arm was stayed, and the desperately wounded man managed to crawl to a building a short distance away, where the Confederate surgeon was attending to the wounded, and was cared for by him. 'You don't stand more than one chance in one thousand of living, though,' said the surgeon, when he looked at him. The wound was in the region of the small of the back, from side to side. Strange to say, he did not die, but recovered sufficiently to return on crutches to Sherburne, N. Y., his home, where he finally died of the wound after carrying it nine years. He never walked without crutches after that fearful bayonet thrust."

Mrs. Charles G. Norton was for many

years a prominent music teacher in Bainbridge, and was a pupil of S. N. Copley of Bainbridge, and Miss Ida Goodrich of New York City. At one time she had a class of 25 students, and is considered one of the finest musicians in Chenango County. She also played in the choir at the M. E. Church at Union Valley for 25 years, and until 1893, but had to relinquish the position on account of failing health.

DR. CHARLES M. PURDY. This cultured and learned gentleman, whose talents and superior natural ability were given during his long professional career to the relieving of pain, and to the caring for of those who were brought into dire straits of sickness by inimical diseases, was at one time the leading practitioner of Chenango County, but is now living in retirement in the village of Norwich. He is a son of Judge Smith M. and Prudence (Gates) Purdy, and was born in the village of Sherburne, N. Y., August 16, 1824.

Abner Purdy, the grandfather of our subject, came from Westchester County, N. Y., to Chenango County, locating near Chenango Lake, or North Norwich. He took up 300 acres of land, now owned by Isaac Perlee, upon which he built a log house, and cleared a large farm. Later he erected good frame buildings on the place, made other improvements, and made it one of the most desirable farms in that section of the country. Prior to coming to Chenango County, he owned and operated the mills at Amenia, N. Y., which

are now owned by the Guernseys. His wife's maiden name was Fisher, and they reared the following children: Smith M.; Abner; Daniel; Hannah, who was married to Stephen Merritt; Tammy, who married Ammon Merritt; Anor, whose husband was a Mr. Stevens; Mrs. Saxton; Mrs. Ferris; and five who died in early life. Mr. and Mrs. Purdy were kind neighbors and good citizens, and both lived to reach an advanced age. Mrs. Purdy had almost reached the century mark when called to her eternal reward.

Judge Smith M. Purdy was one of the ablest and best known attorneys Chenango County has ever known. After taking a thorough course of study in the academy at Norwich, he spent some time in the study of law with Judge Birdsall. He then went to Sherburne, N. Y., where he practiced for a short time. Upon returning to Norwich, he was associated with Abial Cook for one year, and then was in practice alone. He rapidly rose before the people, both in his profession and in the field of politics, to which he was no stranger. He was a man of high attainments and varied accomplishments. He was a leading factor in the political affairs of the county, and was made county surrogate by the Democratic party. He was also prevailed upon to accept the nomination for Congressman. He was duly elected, and served his constituents in a manner that won their hearty plaudits, and added to the honor and esteem in which he had always been held. While a judge of the Supreme Court his health failed and he was forced to retire. He purchased a small farm known as the Homer Johnson place, and moved into the country.

When his health was completely restored, he returned to the village and purchased the Judge York homestead, where our subject now lives. For keen judgment, either in politics or in business, he was unexcelled. The Chenango County Bank was placed in his charge, and he successfully directed its business policy for several years. He was one of the most popular men of his day, and as an adviser was much sought, his counsel having the pleasant feature about it, that it could always be relied upon. Being a ready speaker, and the possessor of a mine of information, he was never worsted in a political debate or argument. No social gathering was so complete as when he was present. He was extremely active, of a cheery, genial disposition, and had warm friends by the hundreds, wherever he was known. He was united in marriage with Prudence Gates, a daughter of Newman Gates, and two children were born to them, Charles M., our subject, being the only one to reach maturity. Judge Purdy died in 1870, at the age of seventy-four years.

Dr. Charles M. Purdy, after completing his elementary education in the academies at Oxford and Norwich, studied medicine with Dr. Baker, and attended the Medical College at Albany. He was taken sick and obliged to give up his studies for a time. However, preferring the profession of medicine to that of any other vocation, he directed his studies in that direction so assiduously that he was enabled to graduate with the class of 1847. He then practiced one year with Dr. Baker of Norwich, after which he continued alone. It was not long before his skill as a physician

became known. He rapidly grew in the confidence of the people, and soon possessed an enviable reputation. He stands high as a member of the medical fraternity, and is highly respected as a man of enterprise, who has been remarkably successful in his efforts. Dr. Purdy has lived in retirement since 1890, and enjoys the prestige he gained by many years of almost incessant work. His valuable advice is still sought by many and will be as long as he is able to give it. He has spent time and money in fixing up the old homestead, and is rewarded by having one of the most beautiful residences in the village.

Dr. Purdy has twice been joined in the holy bonds of wedlock. His first wife was formerly Mary Grant, a daughter of Prentice Grant, and they reared two children: Catherine, deceased, who was the wife of Charles F. Hall, by whom she had one son, Franklin W.; and Julia, who married Charles Berry, a reporter and printer of Syracuse, and they had one son, Ansel P. Mrs. Baker died in 1888, at the age of sixty-two years. Our subject's second marriage was with Julia Hall, a daughter of Warren and Arthusa (Rogers) Hall. Her grandfather was Warren Hall, Sr., who was one of the earliest settlers of the county. He came from Stonington, Conn., and settled in Pharsalia, where he farmed and worked at the carpenter trade. He was united in marriage with Elsie Minor, and they reared the following children: Warren; Charles M.; William; Eunice; Martha; and Nancy. Warren Hall, the father of Mrs. Purdy, was born in Stonington, Conn., and after coming to this county became a dealer in live stock. He was one of the largest

drovers of his day, buying cattle and sheep and driving them to New York City to market. He purchased a large farm on West Hill in the town of Norwich, where his son, Warren Hall, now lives. He retired several years before his death, which occurred in 1877. His wife still survives him and is past eighty-four years of age. His wife's maiden name was Arthusa Rogers, and she is a daughter of Eber Rogers. They were the parents of three children: Charles F.; Julia, the wife of our subject; and Warren. Charles F. Hall, who married our subject's daughter, Catherine, was born in the town of Norwich. At an early age he became manager of the Howe Sewing Machine Co., and acted in that capacity for six years. He then went to Buffalo, N. Y., where he manufactured the English Leather Sewing Machine for three years. He sold out in 1883, and located at Norfolk, Va., and became one of the firm of Walters & Co., operators of a large peanut factory, which employed 150 men, and did an annual business of \$863,000. In 1886, he gave up the business and purchased the Southern Hotel at Petersburg, Va. He rebuilt it and made many improvements, and now rents it. He then went to Evansville, Ind., where he built a large peanut factory and operated it until 1896, and is now living a retired life. Dr. Purdy is a Democrat in his political belief, and votes uniformly and conscientiously with his party. Socially, he is a member of the Chenango County Medical Association. Although his active career is now closed, his is the satisfaction of looking back over years of usefulness and thrilling incidents, such as occur

only when the human life hangs in the balance, and his privilege of being regarded as a personal benefactor by numberless friends whom his skill has helped in some way or other.

FRANK E. HOLMES, organizer of the Preferred Mutual Fire Insurance Company, located in the village of New Berlin, and one of the popular and respected citizens of that place, holding the position of postmaster, was born in the town of Columbus, this county, October 22, 1863. He is a son of Isaac and Louisa (Lottridge) Holmes, and grandson of Gilbert Holmes.

Gilbert Holmes was a son of Isaac Holmes, a native of Dutchess County, who came to Columbus in 1802, and was one of the early pioneer settlers of this county. At that time the land was wild and rough, and required an outlay of incessant labor and energy to fit it for becoming productive of the commodities necessary for consumption and the markets. From its wild and primitive condition, he lived to see a prosperous community grow up around him, and the march of civilization not only overtaking him from the East, but in the course of time passing far beyond to the West. He was well fitted for the duties and obligations of a pioneer, for upon the men who first made settlement in this wild country depended the extent and rapidity of its growth and progress. He industriously labored to improve the farm, and increased his acreage as time progressed and his means permitted. The location

proved a fortunate one, and the farm is now surrounded by other fine farms and all the evidences of modern thrift and luxury. In addition to raising cereals, Isaac Holmes conducted a hotel. Gilbert Holmes came with his family to Columbus and lived there all his life. He died in 1846, at the age of forty-four years, being killed by a falling tree. He was a distiller by occupation. He married Nancy Finch, and they reared three children: Isaac, father of our subject; Mrs. Arnold, deceased; and Melle, wife of Henry Lewis of New Berlin. Mr. Holmes has three brothers who survive him: Charles, aged ninety; Platt, aged seventy-five; and Henry, aged eighty-four years. They possess strong constitutions, and in their prime were men of great physical strength and undoubted courage, true types of that pioneer class who are rapidly passing away.

Isaac Holmes was born in New Berlin in 1829, but spent most of his life in Columbus, where he was engaged in working at coopering and farming. He followed coopering for twenty years, and was considered an excellent workman, and then took up farming and followed that line of business until 1873, when he moved to the village of New Berlin and lived in retirement. He married Louisa Lottridge, daughter of William Lottridge, who was a Baptist minister, but later in life became a preacher in the Universalist Church at Columbus. He was also a farmer and was the father of sixteen children. To Mr. and Mrs. Holmes were born three children, namely: J. G. of Norwich, an attorney-at-law and clerk of Chenango County; Charles A., a prominent jeweler of New

Berlin; and Frank E., our subject. Mrs. Holmes died in 1872, aged thirty-six years.

Frank E. Holmes received his elementary education in the New Berlin Academy, and at the age of fifteen he began the study of music, and in 1881 went to Port Henry, N. Y., where he was engaged in band and orchestra work, and furnished music at summer resorts in the Adirondacks for four seasons. He also clerked in the postoffice. In 1883 he went to Boston, Mass., and completed his musical education in the New England Conservatory of Music. While there he had a position in the leading orchestra under the leadership of E. N. Catlin, and upon completing his education, in 1884, he went to Minneapolis, and in partnership with T. B. Brooke conducted a band and orchestra. Brooke is now leader of the famous Chicago Marine Band. In 1885 Mr. Holmes moved to Port Henry, N. Y., and superintended the Telephone Company. In 1887 he returned to New Berlin and entered into partnership with S. L. Morgan under the firm name of Morgan & Holmes, and engaged in the fire insurance business, continuing until 1890, when Mr. Morgan died, and Mr. Holmes continued alone until July, 1896, when he sold the agency and organized the Preferred Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he is secretary; I. L. Richer, president; and A. D. Sprague, treasurer. They do a large business in five counties, have twenty-one agents and have one and a half million dollars' worth of insurance in force. Mr. Holmes is an ardent Republican, and votes to uphold the principles of his chosen party. In 1898 he was appointed postmaster

of New Berlin without opposition, which speaks well for his popularity and the high esteem in which he is held. He is a member of Phoebus Lodge, No. 82, F. & A. M.; Hillington Chapter, No. 224, R. A. M.; and Norwich Commandery, No. 46, Knight Templars.

He chose for his life companion Cora A. Jones, daughter of Fred Jones, and they were happily married August 13, 1889. Mr. Holmes is a careful, conscientious and thoroughly enterprising business man. He is a pleasant and genial companion, hospitable in his home and highly esteemed throughout the community. His reliable work and straightforward manner of doing business have attracted to him hosts of friends and patrons. He occupies an enviable position in the community, and is fulfilling at all points the duties of an honest man and good citizen.

ROBERT EMERSON, proprietor of the leading general merchandise store of the village of McDonough, Chenango County, N. Y., was born in that village, March 6, 1872. He is a son of Varanes C. and Ruth (Morley) Emerson, and a grandson of Moses S. Emerson.

Moses S. Emerson was a native of Candia, N. H.; upon coming to this county he located at McDonough. He was a carpenter and joiner by trade, but also followed farming in the summer time. Most of his time, however, was devoted to public business. For many years he was a justice of the peace and

a conveyancer; he was called upon to settle many estates, which he always did satisfactorily. In his political belief, he was a radical Democrat of the Jeffersonian type. He was a keen, shrewd business man, and during life accumulated an ample competency. While on a visit to Candia, N. H., he was taken sick and died, at the age of fifty-one years. His companion in life was Eliza Lawton of McDonough, by whom he had the following children: Varanes C., the father of our subject; Herbert, the efficient postmaster of Oxford; Elizabeth, the wife of David Randall of Wilkesbarre, Pa.; and Lucinda F., who is the wife of J. C. Jones of German.

Varanes C. Emerson was born in the village of McDonough, July 11, 1829. For thirty-five years he conducted a general merchandise store in McDonough. He was a Democrat and a very prominent man in political circles. He was justice of the peace for fifteen years, and at the end of that time resigned. He was supervisor for ten years, and served in that capacity during the Civil War. He was postmaster of the village during the administration of Andrew Johnson, and the first administration of Cleveland, and was chairman of the board of supervisors during 1883. He was united in marriage with Ruth Morley, a daughter of Dr. Russel W. Morley, who was a native of Massachusetts and a surgeon in the War of 1812. As a result of this union seven children were born, namely: Bertrand M., a pharmacist of Oxford; Arthur E., a musician of Columbus, Ohio; Frank H., a traveling salesman for the Benton Heath Wallpaper Co. of New York City; Frederick R., who died at the age of

twenty-one; Robert, the subject of this personal history; Genevieve; and Winifred, who is the wife of Dr. George S. Weaver, whose sketch appears on another page. Religiously, he was a member of the Episcopal Church, and was trustee of the local organization. Socially, he was a member of the Oxford Lodge, No. 125, F. & A. M. He passed into the unknown beyond, March 17, 1893, at the age of sixty-four years.

Robert Emerson received his intellectual training in the common schools of his native village. As a boy he worked in his father's store, and it was but natural that he should also make merchandising his business. He remained in the store with his father until his death, and then conducted it alone under the name of V. C. Emerson's Son. He carries a full line of dry goods, groceries, drugs, hats, caps, shoes, books and stationery. He inherits much of his father's shrewdness and business sagacity, and from the manner in which he conducts his business affairs we predict a bright and successful future. In politics he is a Democrat, and during Cleveland's last term of office was appointed postmaster. He is a member and trustee of the Episcopal Church of McDonough.

WILLIAM R. TIFFANY. It is a well-established fact that on no one trade or profession does the welfare and prosperity of a nation depend, to so great an extent, as on the great mass of people who make up the agricultural class. If work in any other one line of business was suspended

for a great length of time, its place could, in a large measure, be supplied from the remaining industries; not so the work of the farmer. Take away the products of the farm, and where would be the life of all our industries, great and small? It supplies, if not the commodity of barter, at least the strength and energy to carry on the trade. Show us a nation of prosperous farmers, and we will show you a correspondingly prosperous nation; while, on the other hand, take a country whose farmers are laboring under serious disadvantages, and whose utmost endeavors are met with disheartening results, and you will see a country in pitiable financial straits. It is well that nature protects her children by supplying a market for their products in the constant appetites and requirements of the race, thus sustaining an industry that has in it the fundamental elements of success. Among the older farmers of the county who are devoted to their calling, and have brought skill to the aid of agricultural art, is William R. Tiffany, who was born April 29, 1833, in what is now North Norwich, then included in the town of Norwich, where he still resides. He was educated in the district schools of Norwich, now North Norwich, and has passed his entire life in that town engaged in the cultivation of the old homestead upon which he was born. His parents were Nelson and Esther (Randall) Tiffany, also life-long citizens of that town.

Humphrey Tiffany, the great-grandfather of William R. Tiffany, served for a long time as justice of the peace, being familiarly known as "Esquire" Tiffany. William Tiffany, our subject's grandfather, was born in

North Adams, Mass., in 1780, and came to what is now North Norwich, Chenango County, with his parents in 1800, where he bought a large tract of land located in the woods, and engaged in clearing it for cultivation. The name of Tiffany is well known throughout the East, one of his father's brothers having been a participant of the famous Boston Tea Party, and his own name having become celebrated through a suit he won, known on the statutes as the case of "Tiffany vs. Peck," which was decided before the Supreme Court, and established a principle and precedent which are observed to-day. He was married to Zerviah Brown, and had a large family of children: Alfred; Nelson; Lavinda; Richard; Lewis; Albert; Mary; Susan; William Riley; and several that died in infancy. He was a man of splendid physique, measuring six feet in height and weighing 226 pounds, and being large and muscular. He operated a saw-mill, and also farmed, raising large quantities of rye for distilling. He worked this up in a still which he owned and operated. He died in 1866, aged eighty-six years. His wife died at the age of seventy-seven years.

Nelson Tiffany was born in 1808, in the town of Norwich, where he was educated in the district schools, afterwards becoming one of the most extensive and prosperous farmers and largest land owners in the county. He was a Democrat, and held the office of assessor. He was united in marriage with Elizabeth Randall, and to them were born two sons, William R. and Edwin. Mr. Tiffany died in August, 1869, and his wife in December, 1865.

William R. Tiffany is one of the largest farmers in the county, formerly owning 600 acres of land, but recently presenting 200 acres to two of his sons. He takes great interest in stock raising, and has bred some very fine cattle. He has the largest and best dairy in the town, consisting of 60 cows, and a large number of young cattle. The products of his dairy are not to be equalled in the county, either as to quality or quantity of milk. He served as supervisor one term, and as assessor nine consecutive years.

Mr. Tiffany has been twice married; his first wife was Ann Genette Bowers. Their children were: Helen M.; Lillian M. Lansing; Charles M.; Nelson M.; Henry M.; Frank M.; and Esther M. Mrs. Tiffany departed this life in December, 1883. His second marriage was contracted with a most estimable lady, Mrs. Anna Smith. In her girlhood she was known as Anna Touey, and she met and married Mr. Smith, by whom she had five children: Kiefer; Howard; Maud; Lillian; and Reed. Her father was John Touey, a citizen of King's Settlement, and a farmer by occupation. He had seven children, viz: M. A., who is a contractor of Boston; Mary T.; John W., managing editor of the Shoe and Leather Reporter of New York City; T. A., a graduate of West Point, who received a commission of First Lieut., and was stationed at Fort Stanton, New Mexico, where he died in 1887; Ella became the wife of J. M. Richmond, deceased, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Anna, the wife of our subject; and Charles Homer. Mrs. Tiffany was a school teacher previous to her marriage, and is a most agreeable and accomplished woman,

intelligent and pleasant. She is a model housekeeper, and a kind and faithful wife. Mr. Tiffany has a multitude of friends throughout the county who bear witness to his nobility of character, saying that in every transaction he is honest, upright, and honorable to a fault.

WILLIAM H. WHEELER, a prosperous farmer of Oxford, N. Y., was born at Plymouth, Chenango County, N. Y., May 17, 1825. The grandfather, James Wheeler, a native of Rhode Island, came to the State of New York in the early days; he was a Universalist preacher and gained a great deal of prominence in religious circles as the expounder of that doctrine. Universalism at that time was in its infancy, and it took a man who had the courage of his convictions to come out as a believer, and publicly proclaim himself as a follower. He was united in marriage with a Miss Poole, who bore him a large family of children.

James Wheeler, the father of William H., was born in Madison County, N. Y., where he received his education, attending the public schools for a number of years, and afterward was a pupil of the high school. When a young man he moved to Plymouth, Chenango County, where he engaged in the hotel business, which continued to engross his attention several years. The latter part of his life was spent on a farm, where his last years were peacefully passed in agricultural pursuits. He died at the age of fifty-six

years, in 1846. He was among the prominent men of his day; was well versed in both local and national politics; and held several offices; was supervisor, town clerk, justice of the peace, and for several years served as collector of taxes. He married Susan Hall, a daughter of Dr. John Hall, and a native of Massachusetts. They were the parents of the following children: Newell; Eliza; James; William H., deceased; William H., our subject; Jeanette, deceased; Richard; John; Susan; and two that died in infancy. While James Wheeler was liberal in his religious views, his wife was a Presbyterian, and her life was one long exemplification of true Christian character. She passed away at eighty-two years of age.

William H. Wheeler was a student of the common schools of Norwich, and of Oxford Academy. After leaving school, he worked by the month in the summer and taught school during the winters. Although a successful teacher, he did not find the work suited to his tastes, and soon purchased a farm in Pharsalia, N. Y. After living on it a few years, he disposed of the property and moved to Oxford, where he purchased his present farm of 187 acres of valuable land. He is now engaged in general farming and stock raising, and owns what is considered the equal of any, if not the best farm in the Chenango valley.

He was married in 1856, October 16, by Rev. M. Stone, to Jane R. Gates, daughter of Aaron B. Gates of Norwich, N. Y. Their family is constituted as follows: Ellen, who married George Barber of Norwich, and has three children,—Fred W., Stella, and Robert;

John married Mary Smith of Preston, N. Y., by whom he has four children,—Ellen, Maud, Charles, and John; Clarence married Cora Hemenway of Oxford, and has one child, Glenn Romulus; one child died unnamed.

Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler are members of the Baptist Church. Mr. Wheeler has ever been a Republican, and fought for the cause of freedom during our Civil War. He enlisted in August, 1862, in Co. D, 44th Reg. N. Y. Vol. Inf. as a recruit; he served until the old members were mustered out, when he was transferred to Co. D, 146th Reg. N. Y. Vol. Inf., and served until the close of the war, when he was mustered out with the rest of the regiment. He belongs to the Edward E. Breed Post, No. 196, G. A. R., of Oxford, takes great interest in all its meetings and extends the right hand of fellowship to all old soldiers. Several times have his friends prevailed upon him to accept of office, and he has served as town clerk, highway commissioner, trustee of schools and the like. He is a kindly, pleasant gentleman, whom it is a pleasure to meet, and who numbers his friends by the score.

DR. JOHN TAYLOR HAND. We have the pleasure to present our readers the biography of the gentleman named above, one of New Berlin's foremost physicians, whose excellent reputation for professional honor and skill has been acquired through a general practice in Chenango County, extending from 1881 until the present time. Dr. Hand possesses that pecul-

iar insight into the hidden causes of various forms of disease which will ever be the greatest recommendation of a successful physician. A case once definitely diagnosed loses much of the dread that surrounds it, and the mistakes that are occasionally made by even the best of practitioners result invariably from incorrect diagnoses. Dr. John Taylor Hand is a son of Timothy D. and Almira (Robins) Taylor, and was born in Smyrna, this county, January 25, 1859.

Timothy D. Taylor, father of our subject, was a carriage maker in the village of Smyrna; when the Civil War broke out he enlisted as a volunteer in the army to help put down the rebellion, leaving a wife and eight children behind. He was a member of Co. F, 157th Reg. N. Y. Vol. Inf. He served but a short time, when he was taken ill with typhoid fever, and died in the hospital at Washington, D. C. He was married to Almira Robins and as a result of this union eight children were born to them.

At the age of six years our subject was adopted by Dr. Stephen M. Hand, a prominent physician of Norwich. He received a good school education and attended Norwich Academy. He then studied medicine under Dr. Hand, and later entered the University of New York, and graduated in 1881. He returned to Norwich where he practiced for two years, and then went to Columbus, Chenango County, where he remained until 1886, and then located in South New Berlin, where he remained ten years. In May, 1897, he took up his residence in New Berlin, where he has since been engaged in his chosen profession.

He was joined in the bonds of matrimony, March 12, 1885, with Corinthia Blackman, and two children blessed their happy home, Viola T., and Stephen M., who died aged five months. In politics he is strongly attached to the Republican party. Although not an office seeker, in 1893 he was elected supervisor, and is now serving his second term, having been re-elected in 1895. He also was the first health officer of the village of Norwich under the new law. Socially, he is a member of Norwich Lodge, No. 302, F. & A. M.; and holds a membership in Lodge No. 291, I. O. R. M. Dr. Hand enjoys the confidence and esteem of his fellow practitioners, and of a large circle of patrons, and is considered to be thoroughly competent to treat any case successfully which comes up in a general practice.

REUBEN S. BOWE, a retired farmer of the town of Greene, was born in Springfield, Mass., October 17, 1826. He is a son of Oliver and Lucy (Farnam) Bowe, of whom the former was also a native of Springfield, Mass. Our subject's father was a foreman in a factory in a small factory town (Chicopee), near Springfield; it was in this village that he died, May 4, 1831, when only forty-four years of age. Socially, he was a member of the Masonic Fraternity. He was united in marriage with Lucy Farnam, and three children were born to them, two sons and one daughter, whose names are as follows: Lyman F., deceased, was a mechanic, and patented a machine with which

he manufactured shoestrings at Troy, N. Y.; Reuben S., our subject; and Louisa, deceased, who was the wife of Lemuel Holcomb of Granby, Conn. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Bowe was married to Chapin Jones, and they moved to the town of Greene, where he was engaged in agricultural pursuits. As a result of this union, one child was born, Henry L., who is a veterinary surgeon of the town of Greene. Mrs. Jones departed this life March 10, 1858, at the age of fifty-two years.

In 1835, when Reuben S. Bowe was but nine years old, Mr. Jones with his family moved to Greene. Our subject was brought up on the farm and received his education in the district schools. Upon attaining his majority he bought a farm of 160 acres in the south-eastern part of Greene, with the money which was left him by his father. He improved the farm, and by industrious work and successful management, he accumulated considerable wealth. In 1882, he retired and moved to Lower Page Brook, Chenango County.

February 4, 1847, Mr. Bowe was married to Lois Marian Osborn, a daughter of Daniel Osborn, the latter a native of Litchfield, Conn., who, when a small boy, came to the State of New York, and finally settled at Greene, where he became a respected farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Bowe are the parents of three children, namely: Oliver C., a painter, living at Binghamton, N. Y.; Edwin Leroy, a merchant of Chenango Forks, N. Y.; Ida Estella, the wife of Charles W. Page, a farmer of Greene. Socially, Mr. Bowe has been a member of the Eastern Light Lodge, No.

126, F. & A. M., of Greene, since 1862. Politically, he is a Democrat, and has served as a member of the board of supervisors for two years; for six years he was town assessor, and excise commissioner for three years. Mr. Bowe is a well-informed and intelligent man, and has always been one of the useful members of the community in which he has resided.

HON. GEORGE W. RAY.* There are few men in Chenango County or indeed in Central New York, who can lay claim to so extended an acquaintance with state and national politics, or who have seen as much public service, as the subject of this biography, whose name appears above. Mr. Ray is now filling out his sixth term in Congress as a Representative from this district of New York State. His work at the National Capitol has attracted favorable notice from men of all parties over the country, for his experience in public life has been such as to ripen every faculty and show him at his best. As a conservator of the interests of the great Empire State, he has proved himself invaluable, and he bids fair to be continued in office for many years to come. He is not only an educated student of practical and theoretical politics, a polished orator, whose rounded periods have delighted audiences on many a commemorative occasion, a ready talker on any subject and formidable debater, a lover of literature, and a patriotic statesman, but is also an able lawyer, whose equal is not to be

found in the county, and whose counsel and advice in matters of a legal nature are sought in many adjoining counties. He is a born worker, and to his tremendous capacity for continuous applied efforts are added versatile talents of a high order. He came by his ambition honestly, and has pursued his career in a straightforward way, without invoking or employing means, that could have the stigma of "questionable" applied to them. He is a son of Asher L. Ray, a prominent citizen of Chenango County.

Asher L. Ray was born in North Stonington, Conn., and came with his father, mother, brothers and sisters, ox-teams drawing the household effects, to Pharsalia about 1815, and settled there. The native forests were as yet scarcely touched, and the work of clearing a farm appeared so formidable to Mr. Ray's father, who did not enjoy very good health, that he became discouraged and returned to Stonington, Conn., where he died when about forty years of age. He was a soldier in the War of 1812. His wife lived to the age of eighty years; she was a very active, intelligent woman, and was loved by all who knew her. The children of the grandparents of our subject were: Stephen A.; Asher L.; Sally; and Phoebe. Asher L. Ray settled in Otselic township, where he bought a farm and saw mills, and founded the homestead, where our subject, Hon. George W., was born. Asher L. Ray was very much interested in lumbering, and also engaged in mercantile trade. He was a staunch Jacksonian Democrat, and served twenty-six years as a justice of the peace; the part he took in local politics was both

active and aggressive, for he was a leading politician of his town. He was a colonel in the old state militia, and contributed largely to the value of the service. Rather late in life, he sold his Otselic township property, and moved to Randallsville, Madison County, where he quickly identified himself with the leading men of the town, but was practically retired from active business. In the latter place he served some twelve years as a justice of the peace. His death took place at the age of eighty-four. His wife, who was Melissa P. Gray, was called Home to her reward, when a resident of Randallsville, at the age of seventy-six years. In their religious views they were Baptists. They reared a family of eight children, all of whom are living at this writing. They are as follows: Mary; Celinda; Charles W.; Eliza; Emily O.; George W., the subject of this notice; John L.; and William W. Mr. Ray was a gentleman of a refined, intellectual nature, and nobly performed his part in maintaining a high standard of morals in the towns where his life was spent.

Hon. George W. Ray was a student in Norwich Academy after he had completed his education in the district schools. His studies, however, were interrupted by the war between the North and the South. He enlisted in 1863 in Co. B, 90th Reg. N. Y. Vol. Inf., and became a clerk for the First Division of the 19th Army Corps. When the war was over, and he had received an honorable discharge, he returned home, and completed his studies in Norwich Academy. In March, 1866, he became a student of law in the office of Hon. S. H. Prindle of Norwich,

and so earnestly did he apply himself to his studies, that in 1867 he was admitted to the bar. For the succeeding year he was associated with the law firm of Prindle & Knapp, but ever since then he has practiced law alone. He proved himself a master of the art of pleading and in the preparation of cases, so that it took but very few years to place him among the best lawyers of the county, and thus assured him a brilliant and profitable career.

Mr. Ray's faculty for politics found an early expression. His rise in public life has been wonderfully rapid and sure, after he once made a beginning. In 1881 he was first elected to represent his district in the 48th Congress. In 1890 he was again returned to Congress, and has served continuously since in the 52nd, 53rd, 54th, and 55th Congresses. In commercial circles, his judgment and experience have found scope and exercise upon the numerous boards, with which he is connected, both as a director and as attorney. He is pre-eminently a man of affairs, but has, nevertheless, found time for the graces and enjoyments of intellectual life. His marked characteristic is a combination of business sagacity and mental accomplishments. He has a finely fitted office in the Follett Law Block, and a law library of no small dimensions. Many lawyers who now occupy prominent places in the profession pursued their studies in his office under his direction.

The subject of this biography married Miss Mary Johnson Jewett, daughter of John Jewett, a prominent agriculturist of Pitcher township, Chenango County, and

has one child, Jewett John, who is reading law with his father, and preparing for an honorable career in the legal profession. Besides his own home at 317 North Broad Street, Mr. Ray owns the residences on both sides, and tenements and building lots in various localities in the village. He is a charter member of E. B. Smith Post, No. 83, G. A. R. Masonic circles know him as a loyal brother. He is a member of Norwich Lodge, No. 302, F. & A. M.; Harmony Chapter, No. 151, R. A. M.; Norwich Commandery, No. 46, Knight Templars.

FREDERICK MITCHELL.* The busy city of Norwich has her quota of live, energetic and persevering business men, among whom is Fred. Mitchell, who is engaged in the drug business. He is a son of John and Caroline (Foot) Mitchell, and was born in the village of Norwich September 6, 1844.

John Mitchell was a son of Dr. Henry Mitchell, and grandson of John Mitchell, from whom the line runs back to Experience Mitchell, who was of the company of pilgrims who sought refuge in Holland from religious persecution; from there he came to America in the ship *Ann*, the third vessel that crossed the Atlantic with the Pilgrim Fathers, and settled in Plymouth, Mass. Our subject's great-grandfather, John Mitchell, married Elizabeth Sherman, a daughter of Joseph Sherman, and brother of Roger Sherman,

who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Dr. Henry Mitchell was born in Woodbury, Conn., in 1784, and was graduated from Yale College in 1804. He then went to Philadelphia and studied medicine, and in 1806 he qualified to practice; he then came to Chenango County and settled at Coventry, where he remained for a short time, when he moved to Norwich; there he practiced his chosen profession with marked success. The character of Dr. Mitchell presented the happy combination of great refinement of mind and nobleness of character, and the practical adaptation of the qualities, which enabled him to carry on his life pursuits with dignity and honor, at the same time made him financially successful and a favorite with the common people. He was never too proud to listen to a tale of distress, and no one turned from him without substantial aid and sympathy. Mentally, morally and physically he was a model man. He will be affectionately remembered in his community long after those who knew him most intimately have passed away. The death of his first wife left him a widower with six children to care for, namely: Charles; John; Jane; Harriet; Mary; and Maria. He then married Mary (Zellamay) Guernsey, daughter of James Zellamay, and widow of Peter B. Guernsey, and as a result of this union several children were born to them. Dr. Mitchell always took a lively interest in the politics of the day, and was a man who always was before the public; he was elected to the State Assembly, and represented this district in the National House of Representatives.

John Mitchell, the father of our subject, was a graduate of Norwich Academy: starting out in life he chose the occupation of a druggist, in which he prospered and became well-to-do. In 1863 he erected the Mitchell Block, which was at that time the finest business block in Norwich. He purchased the Col. Perlee house, which he remodeled and enlarged, and it is now one of the finest residences in the village, and is owned by his son, Franklin B., brother of our subject. Mr. Mitchell was a stanch Democrat, but unlike his father, he never sought political distinction. He was united in wedlock with Caroline Foot, daughter of John Foot, who was born in Colchester, Conn., in 1788, and settled in Hamilton, N. Y., where he spent his remaining days, dying in 1883. Caroline Foot, the mother of our subject, was born in Hamilton, N. Y., in 1821, and is still living and enjoying the best of health. To Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were born the following children: Frederick, the subject of this personal history; John W., a prominent doctor of Providence, R. I.; Franklin B., a retired citizen of Norwich; Caroline, the wife of R. Little of Pasadena, Cal.; and Mary, who married B. Newton of Los Angeles, Cal.

Frederick Mitchell received his primary education in the public schools of his native town, and then took a course in Norwich Academy; he also attended the Poughkeepsie Business College, from which he graduated in 1847. He then found employment in his father's drug store, and continued to work for him for fifteen years, when he formed a partnership with his father, and the business was then carried on under the name of



ZENAS TARBLE.

Mitchell & Son. The business continued under the above name for some years until our subject took charge of the store, and still conducts one of the largest drug stores in the village. Mr. Mitchell is a Republican in his affiliations, and takes a great interest in the politics of his county. He has served as supervisor of the village of Norwich several times, and has also served as treasurer of Chenango County for two terms. Socially, he is a member of the I. O. O. F., Lodge No. 205. He formed a matrimonial alliance with Nellie Peck, daughter of John Peck, and two children blessed their happy home; they were as follows: Fred J., who married Grace Mitchell; and Nettie May, the wife of John Croll. Mr. Mitchell is a man of recognized business methods, and has been of invaluable assistance in forwarding the growth of Norwich. Combining thrift and energy, he has made of himself an admirable business man. In all his dealings he has been honest, upright, industrious, frugal and temperate, and enjoys the esteem and respect, which are so justly due him.

ZENAS TARBLE,* whose portrait is shown on the opposite page, is the popular and efficient sheriff of Chenango County, and is a man who stands high in the Republican party and in the estimation of his fellow-citizens. He was born in the village of Sanford, Broome County, N. Y., February 25, 1841, and is a son of Hiram and Louise S. (Aplington) Tarble.

Thomas Tarble, the grandfather of our sub-

ject, was of pure New England stock, and is thought to have been born in the State of Connecticut; at an early age he came to Bainbridge, N. Y., locating in the southern portion, which is now the town of Afton. He followed the occupation of a farmer there the remainder of his life. He was united in the holy bonds of wedlock with a Miss Buck, and they reared a family of four children, one of whom was Hiram, the father of our subject.

Hiram Tarble was the youngest child born to his parents, and received a good common schooling in Bainbridge. He turned his attention to the cultivation of the soil, and followed that occupation all of his life in Sanford, Broome County, where he owned a valuable farm. Politically, he was a follower of the Democratic party, and was called to serve in a number of minor offices in that township. In religious belief, he was inclined to be liberal. He was united in matrimonial bonds with Louise S. Aplington, and the following issue resulted from their union: Eunice, who married Isaac Hall of Afton; Polly, the wife of C. B. Yeaple of Afton; Harriet, deceased; Adelaide, the wife of Philetus Shaw of Afton; Mercy, who married John Waterman of Colesville, N. Y.; and Zenas, the gentleman whose name appears at the head of these lines. Mr. Tarble closed his eyes in final sleep in December, 1878, aged sixty-eight years; his wife died December 1, 1874, at the advanced age of seventy years.

Zenas Tarble was educated in the common schools of Sanford, and soon after reaching man's estate he enlisted in the army,

August 12, 1862, in Co. E, 114th Reg., N. Y. Vol. Inf., and faithfully served until the close of the war. He participated in many important engagements, among which were those at Port Bisland, Port Hudson, Sabin Pass. Having received his honorable discharge, he returned to Sanford, where he lived a short time and then removed to Afton, where he engaged in mercantile business with good results for a period of twenty years. At the expiration of that time, he disposed of his business, and has since looked after his farming property, which he owns in Broome County, although he is living in the village of Norwich. He is a man who is extremely popular with all classes of people, and has been called upon to serve in an official capacity a number of times. When he received the nomination for sheriff, in 1898, the people—not only of his own party, but also those of the opposition—joined to support him, and he was elected by a safe majority. He is filling that office to the entire satisfaction of his constituents, and has gained a large number of friends, who join in wishing him continued success.

He formed a matrimonial alliance in November, 1867, with Mary F. Chaffee, a daughter of Ebenezer and Phila Chaffee of Afton, and a woman who has many friends, who love her for her many virtues. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Norwich. Socially, Mr. Tarble is quite as prominent as in business life, and is a member of the following societies: Afton Lodge, No. 360, F. & A. M.; Vallonia Chapter, No. 80, R. A. M.; and Post No. 12, G. A. R., of Afton, of which he is past com-

mander and quartermaster. As a Mason he is past master and past high priest, and has held nearly all the official chairs of the blue lodge.

GEORGE E. HAWLEY,* a veteran of the late Civil War and a leading druggist of South New Berlin, was born in the town of Morris, Otsego County, N. Y., February 28, 1844. He is a son of George and Cordelia (Houk) Hawley, and a grandson of Silas Hawley.

Silas Hawley was born in the State of Connecticut, where he passed his boyhood days, and then moved to Morris. He was one of the prosperous farmers of the community and was one of its most respected citizens. In 1840 he moved to Wisconsin, where he spent the remainder of his days, dying in 1856. His wife's maiden name was Stillman, and their union was blessed by the following children: Alonzo; Stillman; Myron; Emerson; George, the father of our subject; Henry; Mary A.; and Angeline.

George Hawley was born in Connecticut, and with his father came to Morris, where he resided until 1844. He then went to Bay City, Wis., where he successfully operated a flour and feed mill for many years. He then moved to North Dakota, but, not liking his new home, soon returned to Wisconsin, and located at Oshkosh. His attentions were devoted to agricultural pursuits, and he lived there until the time of his death, in 1895, at the age of eighty years. He was originally a Whig and later was a Republican, being

quite prominent as a politician. He represented Waushara County in the Wisconsin State Senate for two terms, and also was a member of the State Assembly one term. While in Dakota he was elected state superintendent of public instruction. He was an active and enterprising man, and made many friends in the various communities in which he lived, who esteemed him as a man of great worth and influence. He was bound in the holy bonds of wedlock three times. His first wife was Cordelia Houk, a daughter of Ephraim Houk, who resided in Morris until 1861 and then moved to South New Berlin. Mr. Houk was a farmer by occupation, but after taking up his residence in South New Berlin, he conducted a general merchandise store. He died in 1875, at the ripe old age of eighty years. Politically, he was a Democrat and was justice of the peace for many years. His companion in life was Orelia Taylor, a daughter of Nathan Taylor, who was a very prominent man and one of the earliest settlers of South New Berlin. Mr. Houk was a merchant and also took an active part in political affairs, serving as county judge for many years. He was captain of a company which he organized, and served through the War of 1812. He was the founder and a leading member of the Baptist Church of South New Berlin. He owned a large farm, which included all the lower part of the village of South New Berlin, a portion of which is the farm upon which the subject now lives. The deed of this land has passed in a direct line down to our subject, and is now in his possession. As a result of their union Mr. and Mrs. Hawley became

the parents of one son, George E., in whom the interest of this sketch centers. Soon after the birth of her son Mrs. Hawley passed into the unknown beyond, in 1844, at the age of twenty-three years. Our subject's second union was with Mrs. Jackson, widow of Andrew Jackson, and two children were born to them, namely: Jay, a hardware merchant of Manchester, Iowa; and Fred, the proprietor of a hotel at Bay City, Wis. Mr. Hawley was again united in marriage, his third wife being Belle Spencer, a native of Wisconsin, and they were the parents of the following children: Charles, a resident of Oshkosh; Bert, who also lives at Oshkosh; Ray; and Mary, deceased.

After his mother's death George E. Hawley was reared by his grandfather, Ephraim Houk. He attended the academies of Norwich and Oxford, and received a good preparatory education for college. At this time the Civil War began and he relinquished all idea of attending college, in order to do battle for his country. He enlisted at Norwich in 1862 in Co. B, 114th Reg., N. Y. Vol. Inf., and was appointed regimental commissary and later acted as quartermaster. He was at Bisland, Port Hudson, Sabin Cross-Roads, and many other important skirmishes. He returned home in 1864, having received his honorable discharge. He spent the year 1865 in the West and then returned to South New Berlin, where he clerked in the store of C. B. Babcock. After clerking for one year he engaged in the general merchandise business in partnership with a Mr. Brett, under the firm name of Brett & Hawley. In 1869 he disposed of his interests to his partner

and moved to the village of Norwich, where he purchased a drug store. He conducted it for seven years and then sold out and returned to South New Berlin, where he engaged in the same line of business for a like period. He then sold out to J. V. Simonds, and went to Halstead, Pa., where he conducted a drug store under the firm name of Lamb & Hawley. He remained there for two years, and was doing a large and paying business, but was obliged to retire on account of poor health. After spending two years in retirement in the village of South New Berlin, he opened his present store in that village. Besides a complete line of drugs he carries a good line of books, stationery and fancy goods. His store is neat and orderly in appearance, and the utmost care is taken in the filling of prescriptions. He is one of those genial and good-natured persons with whom it is always a pleasure to trade, and since he has resided in New Berlin he has made many friends, who respect and esteem him. He was united in marriage with Agnes A. Harrington, of South New Berlin, in 1866. In politics he is a Republican and takes an active interest in political affairs. Although often importuned to accept office he never would consent; he was elected to the office of justice of the peace, but refused to qualify. He was president of the board of education for seven years, and did all within his power to advance the interests of education. Socially, he is a member of Jackson Post, No. 489, G. A. R., of South New Berlin, of which he is a prominent member, having filled the office of charter commander four successive terms. He is a member of

the Norwich Lodge and also of the Chapter and Commandery, and has taken the Twenty-eighth Scottish Rite Degree. He is likewise a member of the Mt. Upton Lodge of the A. O. U. W.

AUGUSTUS T. ENGLAND.* Figuring conspicuously as a leading and representative business house in Afton is the establishment conducted by the gentleman whose name heads these lines. He has been engaged in general merchandising in the village of Afton for the past fifteen years, and his thorough understanding of the wants of his many customers, and his advantages in buying the goods in his different lines, makes his place a desirable one at which to make a purchase. Mr. England was born in Delhi, Delaware County, N. Y., February 1, 1855, and is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Barnes) England.

Our subject's great-grandfather was Thomas England, who was born in England and lived there all his life. He was the father of Henry England, the grandfather of our subject, who was born at Stratford-on-Avon, in 1804. He was united in marriage, in 1833, with Mary Knapp, also a native of that place, and immediately thereafter they sailed for America. They settled in Dutchess County, N. Y., and after remaining there three years, moved to Delhi, where he has since resided. Prior to his coming to this country, he learned the trade of manufacturing woolen goods, and after moving to Delhi he was employed by the Penfields to do that line of

work. He soon after set up in business himself, and for the subsequent twelve years was engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods. He then conducted a general merchandise store in Delhi, and carried it on successfully for almost a half century, when he retired, and is now enjoying the fruits of a laborious past. He is the progenitor of three children, namely: Henry J., the father of our subject; Emeline, the relict of Rev. Thomas Corder, who is now living with her father at Delhi; and Lieut.-Col. Thomas L., deceased. Thomas L. England was the organizer of Co. I, 49th Reg. N. Y. Vol. Inf.; he went out in 1861 as Captain, was promoted to the position of Lieut.-Colonel of the regiment, and in the battle of Petersburg gave his life for his country. Our subject's grandfather is a member of the Methodist Church, and has held many of the offices of that organization. He is sincere in his convictions, forms his opinions with deliberation, and adheres to them with manly courage and fidelity.

Henry J. England was born in Dutchess County, N. Y., and was employed, during his younger days, in the store of his father. He later engaged in that line of business on his own account, and conducted a store in Delhi until 1870. In that year he was appointed to the head of the Department of Patent Attorneys, at Washington, D. C. For four years he served in that capacity in a manner that was entirely satisfactory to all concerned. Since 1874, he has been a patent attorney, and does a large and paying business. In the winter he resides in Washington, and in the summer makes his home at Falls Church, Fairfax County, Va. In 1863, he enlisted in

Co. D, 144th Reg., N. Y. Vol. Inf., and served throughout the remainder of the war. He was a brave and valiant soldier, and can justly feel proud of his military record. He married Elizabeth Barnes, a daughter of Thomas Barnes, who came to America in 1833. He was a native of England, and upon coming to this country located at Stamford, Delaware County, N. Y., where he manufactured brick as a means of earning a competence, and followed that occupation all of his life. He died in 1865, at the age of sixty-five years. As a result of their union, Mr. and Mrs. England became the parents of the following children: Charles; Augustus T., who is the subject of this personal history; Mary, who is the wife of Dr. Charles W. Watkins, who was formerly a broker and is now a practicing physician in Washington; Eliza, who married James Jester, a patent attorney of Washington; and Jessie, who is an expert stenographer and typewriter, who is now clerk to the Assistant Secretary of State. Mr. England is a staunch Republican, and a zealous supporter of the principles of the party.

Augustus T. England received a good academic training in the Delhi Academy. Leaving school at the age of eighteen, he learned the trade of a tinsmith and continued in that occupation for four years. He then entered the mercantile business with his grandfather under the firm name, H. & A. T. England, and after a period of eight years, he came to Afton, where he has since been engaged in that line of business. His establishment is not only the oldest in this vicinity, but in point of stock carried and business

transacted is the largest. The store is centrally located, admirably arranged, and heavily stocked with a most comprehensive line of dry goods, ladies' and men's furnishings, staple and fancy groceries, and a large variety of the best and most reliable manufactures of boots and shoes, carpets, wall paper and house furnishings.

Mr. England was joined in Hymen's bonds with Jennie Covert of Meredith, Delaware County, in 1882, and one son, Harry, was born to bless their union. Our subject was raised under Republican influences, but he is a man who has sound reasons of his own for belonging to that party. Like his father, he has extremely good judgment as to men and affairs, and his influence is thoroughly appreciated by those who are his associates in directing the interests of the party in his section. During his active business life, he has found time to represent his fellow-citizens at many county conventions, and also to the last four state conventions. He is a public-spirited man, and has always identified himself with any measure which has had for its ultimate factor the advancement of Afton, and is looked upon as a progressive citizen, and held in high esteem by the whole community.

JOHAN R. GLOVER,* reading clerk of the New York State Assembly, and a prominent lawyer of the village of Oxford, has been active in politics in Chenango County for many years, in fact since he was a boy, and has held many a position

of responsibility and trust. He was born in Oxford, July 28, 1856, where he has always resided, except when sessions of the Legislature demand his presence in Albany, where his proficiency as reading clerk is recognized by all. He is a son of James W. and Sarah A. (Perkins) Glover, and a grandson of James A. Glover.

The grandfather of our subject was one of Chenango County's pioneer settlers; he was born in Plainfield, Conn., in 1793, and came to Oxford in 1802, in which town he lived and labored at his trade of tool maker and blacksmith until his death, May 23, 1875. He was a mechanic of exceptional skill, and conducted the blacksmith shop, where the well-known David Maydole, who made a world-wide reputation with his hammers, served his apprenticeship; Mr. Glover was also legally constituted guardian of the young apprentice lad, when the indenture papers were drawn up by the late Governor Tracy. Mr. Glover was a trustee of Oxford Academy, was prominently identified with the growth of the village, and accumulated considerable property. He married Anna Bradley, like him a native of the Nutmeg State, and they became the parents of three children, who were as follows: Ursula A., who married William Van Wagenen of Oxford, by whom she had the following children,—Jane R., James C., and Mary E.; Ann-vernnette, the wife of William G. Knapp of New Berlin, this county; and James W., our subject's father. The members of the family were originally Presbyterians in their religious attachments, but later they became devout members of the Episcopal Church.

James W. Glover was born in Oxford, August 22, 1822, and received his education in the public schools and in Oxford Academy; at the age of eighteen he entered the office of Henry R. Mygatt for the study of law. His instructor could not have been better chosen, for Mr. Mygatt was then the best lawyer in the county, and no one since his day in Oxford has equaled him as an equity lawyer. Mr. Glover was admitted to the bar in 1843, and remained in active practice from that time until seven years before his death, when feebleness and a severe affliction compelled him to retire; all of this period was spent in Oxford except a few months when he was associated with George Rathbun of Auburn. He achieved a splendid reputation as a lawyer of éminent ability, and became known throughout the Empire State in connection with some important cases, that attracted much public notice. He was retained as counsel for the defense in the celebrated case of *Youmans vs. Thompson*. James G. Thompson of Norwich had been seated in the State Senate by a majority of one vote, and his right to the seat was contested by the opposing candidate, William Youmans of Delhi. A great part of the summer was consumed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections in taking evidence. The result was a victory for Mr. Glover and his client. He was at one time a Democrat, but changed his politics, when the Republican party was organized, and ever afterward was a most stanch supporter of Republican party principles and men. He had a great contempt for party deserters, and his language was apt to be more strong than polite when

attacking their mugwumpery. He was no office seeker, yet served as a supervisor for a term, and accepted the postmastership of Oxford, more for the recognition thus given to his party services than for any other reason. He was a great friend and benefactor of Oxford Academy, and was for twenty-five years secretary of the board of trustees, and five years president of the same body. He was a zealous worker for the best interests of Oxford, and could be depended upon in any emergency to give of his time and means for the support of beneficent enterprises. He was a most loyal supporter of the Episcopal Church, and served for over twenty years as a vestryman, and was a warden for a still longer period, being senior warden at the time of his death. He married Sarah A. Perkins, daughter of Erastus Perkins of Oxford, and there were born to them two children: Erastus P., deceased, and John R., the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Glover passed away November 14, 1892, and our subject's father lingered until November 21, 1896, when he, too, joined those gathered on the other shore.

John R. Glover, in whom the interest of this biographical notice centers, was educated in Oxford Academy, and studied law in his father's office, being admitted to the bar in 1880; he continued in practice with his father, and upon that gentleman's death he assumed the business. He is most active as a Republican worker, and believes thoroughly in party organization; his services have been recognized in a number of ways. He has been a member of the Republican County Committee for several years, acting as its

secretary and treasurer. He was clerk of the board of supervisors for a number of terms, and has been justice of the peace for six years. In 1894 he was appointed to his present position as reading clerk of the New York State Assembly. He is a member of the Niagara Hose Co., and has been chief of the Oxford Fire Department for many years.

Mr. Glover was joined in marriage May 19, 1880, with Lillie Henstock of Montrose, Pa., and has two children to make the home happy: James W. and Anna H. Both Mr. and Mrs. Glover are highly esteemed members of the Episcopal Church of Oxford, and interest themselves in all the good work forwarded by the society. Socially, our subject is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men. He is an intelligent, well-read man, and stands high in the regard of every good citizen of Oxford.

GEORGE W. LAWRENCE,* member of the firm of Burr & Lawrence, dealers in furniture, and leading undertakers, is one of the popular and respected citizens of Norwich, and was born in Cleveland, Ohio, March 23, 1855. He is a son of George W. and Martha J. (Balland) Lawrence, and grandson of Joseph Lawrence.

Joseph Lawrence was born in the State of Connecticut, and was a stock drover by occupation. Later he came to Jefferson County, N. Y., and carried on the same business with good success. He was always a sincere Republican, and was ever in the front ranks, championing the cause which he believed

and knew to be right. He was the progenitor of a family of seven children—five sons and two daughters. He passed from this life in 1879.

George W. Lawrence, Sr., was born in 1837 in the State of Connecticut, and received his early training in the common schools of his native town. Starting out in life, he chose the meat and provision business, in which he was very successful, following that line of business for twenty years in the village of Watertown, Jefferson County, N. Y. He also conducted a furniture store at the same place. Discontinuing the meat and furniture business, he moved to the State of California and settled in San Diego, where he is now engaged in dealing in real estate, which is his principal business; he is also interested to some extent in ranching. Mr. Lawrence is a Republican of no uncertain or wavering type. He takes an active interest in Masonry, of which order he is a member. He was joined in the bonds of matrimony with Martha J. Balland, and three children were born to them: Susie, the wife of John Blackiner; George W., who head these lines; and Jennie M., who was joined in marriage with George P. Sikes.

George W. Lawrence, our subject, was given the best educational advantages the early schools could afford, and in his boyhood days profited largely by being closely associated with his father. At first he took up the upholstering business, and later joined his father in the meat and provision business; he remained with his father for nearly five years, and then went west for a short time. Returning to his native state, he located in

Homer, Cortland County, and worked for F. E. Williams, proprietor of a large furniture store. Remaining in the above establishment until 1891, he then came to Norwich and bought out the firm of Cary & Sons, undertakers and dealers in furniture. Conducting the business alone until 1895, he then bought a half interest in the store of L. A. Burr, and the business has been carried on under the firm name of Burr & Lawrence. They have the largest store of the kind in the county, and the prosperity of the establishment is solely due to the ability and integrity of its proprietors.

Mr. Lawrence formed a matrimonial alliance, November 21, 1876, with Mattie Douglass of Syracuse, N. Y. In politics, Mr. Lawrence is a firm Republican, and does all he can in a legitimate way to advance the interests of his party. Few men have taken a deeper interest in the different orders than Mr. Lawrence. His zeal knows no flagging, and his interest is abiding. He is a member and the present master of Norwich Lodge, F. & A. M., No. 302; Harmony Chapter, No. 151; Norwich Comandery, No. 46, of which he is junior warden; and Ziyara Temple, Mystic Shrine of Utica. He is also a member of the Veiled Prophets of Hamilton; and the I. O. O. F., Norwich Lodge, No. 305.

Mr. Lawrence is truly a self-made man. Being thoroughly acquainted with the conditions that surround the workingmen, he is a fair and good master, and no complaint is made by those under him of injustice. As a citizen and as a man he is public-spirited and high-minded. The respect in which he is held shows the influence which he wields

personally. He is a good neighbor and a staunch friend. Combining thrift and energy, he has made for himself an admirable business record, and his dealings manifest an interest in his patrons' affairs as well as in his own profit. He is an eminent, worthy, and useful member of society in the locality which he has chosen as the scene of his life-work.

LESTER D. SMITH* is a recent acquisition to the village of Norwich, but is, nevertheless, known throughout the entire county, having been for a number of years a prosperous farmer of the town of Plymouth, where he took an active part in all agricultural matters and in politics. His parents were Seymour and Sopha (Harwick) Smith, and the place of his birth was in the town of Litchfield, Herkimer County, N. Y., July 27, 1859.

The family were Connecticut Yankees, the grandfather, Lester Smith, pulling loose from home influences when a young man and coming to Herkimer County, this state, to make for himself a home. There he purchased land and devoted his time to its care and cultivation, adding each year to the profits of the previous years, until he was possessed of considerable means and 200 acres of farm land. In politics he was a Republican, and in religion a Presbyterian. He was twice married; his first wife was Belinda Underwood, the grandmother of our subject, and to them but one child, Seymour, was born. The next marriage resulted in

the birth of two children, Mary and Hannah, both dead. The grandfather almost attained the century mark, being ninety-six years old when he died.

Seymour Smith was born in Herkimer County, and spent his life there in farming. Having secured sufficient means by his agricultural labors to retire from active business, he is now living at Frankfort, that county. His wife was Sopha Harwick, an estimable lady, who died at the age of forty-four, leaving three children, Lester D., Charles and Melvin.

Lester D. Smith received his educational training in the Whitestown Seminary and Eastman's Business College, graduating from the latter institution, when in his twentieth year, in 1879. The following three years were spent in farming in Herkimer County; then, thinking to find a more desirable location, he came to Chenango County and purchased a farm of 200 acres, which he has worked since 1886. This property is situated in the town of Plymouth, and is among the best estates in that section, part of it being used for general farming and the balance for dairy purposes, of which our subject makes a specialty. He is a progressive man, adopting the latest methods where it facilitates his work, and also doing more or less in the way of experimental farming, which has proved of benefit to the surrounding farmers. He has recently erected a neat residence in the village of Norwich, where he now lives, although he still retains his farm, and it is his intention to continue in its management.

Mr. Smith was married in December, 1882, to Eva Burgess, by whom he had one child,

Sopha. Being left a widower, he again took to himself a wife in December, 1890, the lady being Mary Ross, whose father, Ely J. Ross, was a farmer of South Plymouth. Two children, Ruth and Lester, were the fruits of this union. Mr. Smith has shown great interest in the success of the Republican party, and has done his full share toward its success, being an indefatigable worker in the cause. He is now serving his third term as chairman of the board of supervisors, and his tenth term as a member of that board from the town of Plymouth. He is a member of Lodge No. 165, I. O. O. F., and also of Norwich Lodge, No. 205, F. & A. M. He was for five years, from 1889 to 1894, president of the Chenango County Agricultural Society, and for two years was a director of that society. When the Chenango County Farmers' Club was in existence, he was a member and president of the club. He commands the full respect and confidence of the people by reason of the probity of his official acts, while in private life he is a most amiable and accomplished gentleman, with engaging manners and strong friendships.

GEORGE H. FAUSETT,* proprietor of a sale and exchange stable, and one of the hustling and energetic business men of Norwich, was born July 6, 1836, in the above town. He is a son of Nathan and Malinda (Hunt) Fausett, and grandson of Nathan Fausett.

Nathan Fausett, who was a native of Rhode Island, after attaining his majority,

moved west to the State of New York and settled in Smyrna, this county, where he engaged in the pursuits of an agriculturist. He was one of the early pioneer settlers of this county; soon the time will come when they will live only in the memory of their descendants; the work of their hands will continue as a monument to their deeds, and to the trials and struggles through which they passed in developing Chenango County from a wild, uncultivated tract of land to the rich and productive agricultural position which it occupies to-day in comparison with her sister counties of the state. They must not be forgotten, and it is through just such works as this Book of Biographies that their memories will be perpetuated. In politics he cast his vote with the Whig party. He was the father of four children—three sons and one daughter.

Nathan Fausett, father of our subject, was born in the State of Rhode Island, and was reared and educated in his native place. He accompanied his father to the State of New York, where he engaged in farming for a short time. He then began to make linseed oil, also to manufacture brick, which he followed in the town of Norwich for the subsequent twenty years. The bricks being of excellent quality, they soon found a ready market and were always in demand. Though it was a profitable business, it was not suited to his tastes, and he accordingly took up his former occupation as an agriculturist, and continued the same for a short time, when he moved to Cazenovia, Madison County, N. Y. After a residence there of five years, he moved to Eaton, the same county, and for

two years he was engaged in the hotel business. Disposing of his hotel, he was then interested in the grocery business until the time of his death. In politics he was identified with the Republican party. He was joined in wedlock with Malinda Hunt, and reared a family of five children, namely: Alonzo; George H., whose name heads these lines; William, who died while in the army; John, deceased; and Lewis. Mr. Fausett passed from this life at the age of seventy-nine years. Mrs. Fausett passed to the unknown beyond at the advanced age of ninety-three years.

George H. Fausett received his education in the district schools of his native town; remaining under the parental roof until he had attained his majority, he then set out in life for himself, following the vocation of a farmer in the town of Norwich. Remaining there for six years, he then operated a cheese and butter factory for five years. He also operated a cheese and butter factory in the town of Plymouth for five years. He was joined in marriage, May 19, 1857, with Elizabeth Holmes, daughter of Nelson Holmes of Norwich. Politically, he is a strong Republican, and heartily endorses the principles of that organization. He was elected trustee of the village, and served as street commissioner for a term of three years. After the expiration of the term of his office he opened up a sale and exchange stable, and has met with great success owing to his being a good judge of horses. He is also a veterinarian and surgeon, and being an excellent horseman is frequently called upon to break valuable colts. He is a member of the Ma-

sonic Order, Norwich Lodge, No. 302, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F., and has passed all the chairs in the Order. His business career has been marked with naught except straightforward and honorable dealing with all, and upon his past record there is no blot which will cause him in his declining years to be ashamed to meet his fellow-men; indeed he is one of the highest respected and honored citizens, not only of the community in which he lives, but of Chenango County.

JESSE FETTIS,* superintendent of the Norwich Silk Mills, is a man who thoroughly understands the business with which he is connected, and in consequence thereof is meeting with great success. He is a son of Jesse and Eleanor (Eason) Fettis, and was born in September, 1871, in the city of New York.

Jesse Fettis, the father of our subject, was reared and educated in the public schools of New York City, and upon leaving school he secured employment in the silk mills of that city, and followed that line of business for twenty-five years, until the time of his death. When rumors of war began to be heard in the land, and when the call was issued for troops to preserve the Union, he laid aside his personal interests and plans for the future, and enlisted as a soldier, being assigned to the 8th Reg. N. Y. Vol. Inf., with which he remained until the close of the war. He was about the youngest member in the regiment, and showed great pluck when in battle, and

never knew thought of danger. In politics he was a firm believer in the Republican party. He was married to Eleanor Eason, and they reared and educated a family of four children, namely: Stephen Stuart; Arthur G.; Jesse, the subject of this biography; and Orella, all of whom are much respected in the various vicinities in which they reside.

Jesse Fettis, our subject, completed a high school education in his native city, and passed a successful examination to enter college. He decided upon a business career, and entered the office of a cloak store, where he remained for eighteen months. He then entered the Union Silk Mill of New Jersey, where he remained a year and a half in the office, after which he removed to the village of Norwich in 1890, and assumed the duties of bookkeeper and cashier for the Norwich Silk Manufacturing Co. In 1895 he was made superintendent of the mills, a position he now occupies. Under his supervision the business is becoming more profitable every day, and is bringing to the proprietors the reward of well-directed and energetic toil. He was one of the directors of the Young Men's Christian Association of Norwich. He chose for his life companion Mabel Root, and they were happily married June 6, 1893. One child has blessed their home: M. Dorothy. With his wife he holds a membership in the Methodist Church, where they are esteemed, efficient and valued workers. Politically, our subject is a Republican, and is thoroughly interested in the success of his party. He is a promising young citizen, and has obtained a fine start in life,

and by his honorable dealing and uprightness of character has secured the good will and esteem of his neighbors and acquaintances. He is rapidly becoming one of the pillars of his community, and in the near future will be numbered among its most solid and substantial citizens.

JOHN DE WITT WELCH,* a prominent farmer and stock raiser of the town of Greene, Chenango County, was born in Preston, this county, June 8, 1835. He is a son of Martin and Honoria (Murphy) Welch. Martin Welch was born in Wales, where he was educated for the priesthood. He came to America about 1824. After traveling quite extensively over the continent he finally located at Albany, N. Y., where he filled a clerical position in the employ of Gen. Scuyler. During his residence there he was united in marriage with Honoria Murphy, a daughter of John and Catherine (McDowell) Murphy. Her paternal ancestors were of Irish extraction, and her maternal ancestors originally came from "Bonnie Scotland." After moving to Preston, in 1828, he engaged in farming and stock raising; he also speculated considerably. He was very successful in all his business ventures and accumulated much wealth, only to lose most of it by going security for men whom he had trusted. He was of a kind and generous disposition and lived a true Christian life. He was always willing to help his fellow-men, who had not managed their affairs as well as he, and most of his wealth

was spent in that manner. In religious belief, he was a Catholic. He took an active interest in politics, and was a member of the Democratic party. As a result of their union Mr. and Mrs. Martin Welch became the parents of seven children, whose records are as follows: Edward is a farmer, living in Broome County, N. Y.; Catherine, deceased, was the wife of Michael Griffin, a resident of Preston; John De Witt, the subject of these lines; Margaret, deceased, married Francis Quinn, of Turbin; Bridget, the wife of Edward Hogan, who lives at McDonough; and Elizabeth, deceased, who married John Gallahis, of Binghamton. Mr. Welch's long life of usefulness came to an end, November 28, 1875, when in his seventieth year.

John De Witt Welch was born and reared on the farm, receiving his education in the district schools. He then took up that most honorable of all callings, farming, and has been engaged in that occupation ever since. He lived in the town of Preston until 1883, when he moved to Greene, and in 1890 purchased and moved upon the farm, where he now lives. It is a small farm, but located $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles south of the village; what it lacks in size it makes up in its fine state of cultivation. Mr. Welch takes great pride in his blooded stock, and has some of the finest Jerseys in the county. In early life he dealt extensively in live stock, but owing to a spell of sickness, which left him a cripple, he was obliged to give up the business.

On October 23, 1862, he formed a matrimonial alliance with Margaret Carr, a daughter of John Carr, of Herkimer County, N. Y., and three children were born to make their

home happy. They are as follows: Ella, whose bright young life went out, just prior to her graduation from Oxford Academy; Annie, who is living at home with her parents; and Mary, who received a thorough education and is now a private instructor in New York City; she is a graduate of the Greene and Franklin Academies, and of the State Normal School, at Albany. Mrs. Welch is a kind and loving mother and a true helpmeet to her husband. They are faithful members of the Catholic Church. In politics, he is an ardent supporter of the principles advocated by the Democratic party.

LLEWELLYN MORGAN,* general foreman of the Northern and Middletown Division of the N. Y. O. & W. R. R., is a son of William E. and Mary (Jones) Morgan, and was born October 25, 1866, at Scranton, Pa.

Evans Morgan, the grandfather of our subject, was born in Wales and came to this country about 1850; he settled in Scranton, Pa., and followed mining as an occupation. During the time in which Mr. Morgan lived in Wales he conducted an inn, and was also engaged in farming. At the time of his death he was leading the life of a retired citizen at Scranton. In politics he was a Republican. He was the father of six children, five sons and one daughter.

William E. Morgan was born in Wales in January, 1839. He came to this country

with his parents, and immediately fitted himself for the pulpit, becoming a minister of the M. E. Church. He received much of his education in Wales. He is a Republican in politics. He was united in marriage with Mary Jones, and they reared a family of six children: Maggie, wife of Daniel Evans; Morgan; Evans, deceased; Llewellyn, our subject; Benjamin and Jennie, deceased.

The subject of these lines received a common school education and then learned the trade of a machinist in the D., L. & W. R. R. Shops, remaining there for four years. He then attended Prof. Roney's private school in Scranton two years, and next followed his trade as a machinist in the Richmond Locomotive Works of Richmond, Va., and remained there until 1890, when he removed to Middletown and accepted a position as foreman on the N. Y. O. & W. R. R. He filled this position until October 1, 1896, when through his good management of his former position, he was promoted to the position of general foreman of the Northern and Middletown Division of the above railroad, and is located in Norwich, Chenango County. He is a staunch Republican in politics, and is a member of the Methodist Church. He is a prominent member of the Masonic Order, Hoffman Lodge, No. 412, of Middletown, N. Y., and of the Loyal Knights of America, Keystone Lodge, No. 77, of Scranton, Pa. Mr. Morgan chose for his life companion Sadie Kedney, daughter of Andrew Kedney, and they were happily married August 31, 1892. One child has blessed their home, Livia, born August 24, 1894.

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